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Schmidt threatens to resign

BONN, May 17 (R) — West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt Sunday threatened indirectly to resign if his Social Democratic Party (SPD) dropped its support for NATO policy on nuclear missiles.

He told a local party congress at Wolfratshausen in Bavaria, that if the SPD rejected NATO's plan to station new U.S. medium-range missiles in Western Europe while offering Moscow arms talks "then I can no longer bear responsibility."

Schmidt was speaking four days before meeting President Reagan in Washington. It was the second time this weekend that he had warned his party he might resign over the missiles issue.

He told party officials in the industrial Ruhr Saturday that he would stand or fall by his commitment to implement both parts of the so-called NATO "double-decision." The chancellor said Sunday Bonn's foreign policy must be consistent, based on military balance, and could not be altered every year or two — "not even by party congress decisions."

If next April's SPD national congress overruled its commitment to implement the NATO policy, "that would result in the present government coalition being replaced by a completely different one," Schmidt said. "I personally could not in all conscience stand 'such a policy as chancellor,'" he added.

Schmidt said Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev had admitted that Moscow had made mistakes in building up its powerful arsenal of SS-20 medium-range missiles pointed at Western Europe. Brezhnev might be a man of peace but there would soon be a change of leadership in the Soviet Union, he added.

Party officials said Schmidt had launched a counter-attack against left-wingers and pacifists who want the party's grudging support for the NATO plan reversed. To many West Germans, the fuss about the NATO plan appears to be a storm in a teacup compared with the problems of recession, rising unemployment and a rapidly growing budget deficit.

But for Schmidt it is Europe's most important security issue and to Bonn's allies it is a key test of West Germany's reliability in the Western alliance. A reasonable number of U.S. Cruise and Pershing-2 missiles would be stationed on West German soil to balance what NATO sees as Moscow's suitability in medium-range missiles.

SPD dissidents are preparing an all-out effort to overturn the missile policy at the party's next national conference in April 1982 and have already scored successes at regional level.

Third IRA hunger-striker nears end

BELFAST, May 17 (Agencies) — Jailed Irish Republican Army (IRA) hunger-striker Raymond McCreech is expected to die in the next three days, IRA sources said Sunday.

They said 24-year-old McCreech, who has fasted for 57 days, was given the last rites last Saturday night and was extremely weak, most totally blind and slipping into a coma.

British government spokesman said his condition "continued to deteriorate."

McCreech, serving a 14-year term for "rearm offence," is one of four hunger-strikers in the prison fasting to win political status for the IRA guerrillas. The British government says they are common criminals and could be treated as such.

Pat O'Hara, who has also fasted for 57 days, is unable to hold down water and has lost vision, the sources said. In the past three weeks, two hunger-strikers, Bobby Sands and Francis Hughes have died and we been replaced by other guerrillas.

The IRA, fighting to drive Britain from the province, says it will maintain the number of hunger strikers at four until their demands are met.

In the meantime leaders of the IRA's "provisional" wing are under mounting pressure from hardliners to launch a new bombing campaign in Britain to avenge the two deaths, well placed sources reported Sunday. Police reported scattered violence Sunday, triggered by the hunger strike and the British government's dogged refusal to treat IRA guerrillas as political prisoners.

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MORTAR POSITIONS: Men of the rightist militia are setting up an 82mm mortar position in the Samiyye mountains in Lebanon. The fight for strategic heights continues ever since the Syrians have set up missiles on the mountains in the Bekaa.

Pope makes progress

Snap may unfold gun mystery

ROME, May 17 (AFP) — A photograph taken by a tourist may help police settle the question of how many would-be assassins tried to kill Pope John Paul II in St. Peter's Square last Wednesday.

The photo is believed to be the only one to clearly show a pistol above the crowd's heads and aimed at the Pope. It shows the weapon and the hand holding it. Thus, a second gunman may have been involved, as numerous witnesses later testified that the prime suspect, Mehmet Ali Agca, held his gun with both hands, with his legs bent in the classic position of professionally-trained gunmen.

Investigators are examining blow-ups of the print to determine if the weapon is the 9 mm caliber Browning HP 35 that Agca is supposed to have used an where the pictured weapon and its owner stood in the crowd.

This might suggest as well whether the arm in the picture was that of the suspect. A number of witnesses said they saw a man flee with a pistol, an Ager, a Turk, and rescue him from a hostile crowd.

Bulletins tests have not yet been published officially. They should clear up whether the two bullets that Agca is charged with firing in

fact caused five wounds in the Pope and two bystanders.

The Pope received three wounds, and two tourists, one American and the other Jamaican, each received a single one. Agca has been less than cooperative, police sources say, on the question of accomplices, maintaining that he acted alone, without financial and logistical help. He has provided officials with a six-page statement, drafted in Turkish, in which he explains his version of the assassination attempt. But it was unconvincing.

Police said that he declared that he was a rightist sympathizer before escaping from prison in late 1979 and then adopted "leftist" ideals."

Police reportedly said the statement may have been intended to cover his tracks, possibly to protect accomplices that one day might help him escape from prison. Police were particularly skeptical about the story of his changed ideals, and convened a meeting of the main Italian police officials charged with investigating terrorism, especially the extreme rightist armed revolutionary nuclei. They reportedly do not believe his story about buying the assassination weapons in Bulgaria, as a number of this type of pistol have been found in caches used by the rightist organization.

The Pope, meanwhile, was continuing to make progress in hospital, Sunday's medical bulletin indicated.

The bulletin said that the Pope had passed a restful night and undergone a general medical examination, with particular attention to the effects of his surgery, early Sunday. The general prognosis was satisfactory, the bulletin added. The Pope's intestinal function had resumed and the condition of his heart and circulation were still good.

In another development, Andy Tyrie, self-styled supreme commander of the Protestant Ulster Defense Association (UDA), has suggested the British government initiate prison reform to "defuse current tension" in Northern Ireland. However, Tyrie said Saturday: "We don't believe the provosts are seriously interested in prison reform or political status. They are simply using it as an excuse for further violence."

In Londonderry, five women whose husbands have been killed by IRA guerrillas have launched a crusade to counter the IRA's worldwide propaganda triumph over the deaths of hunger-strikers. The widows are bitter about the way the hunger-strikers, both convicted gunmen, have been hailed as heroes, while their slain husbands have become forgotten men little more than statistics among the more than 2,100 known fatalities in Northern Ireland's bloodbath.

"The world needs to know that the IRA are not folk heroes fighting to free their country," said Vivian Deacon, mother of four, whose husband David was killed by IRA gunmen in March 1973. "These men are nothing but rotten terrorists. The whole world knows about Bobby Sands and Francis Hughes. But they had a choice whether they lived or died. My poor David had none. He was murdered in cold blood."

Earlier, the official Xinhua news agency had reported a Vietnamese attack on the Fakushan mountain region on May 5 in which an "unspecified number" of Chinese were killed. On May 10, it said, Vietnamese forces mounted three more assaults, but the Chinese drove them back and killed 23.

Meanwhile, it said, Vietnamese artillery barrages had killed or wounded 26 Chinese frontier guards.

Chinese border guards counterattacked and fought off five Vietnamese assaults, shooting dead more than 150 of the invaders, the paper said.

The report said the Vietnamese staged a four-pronged attack under the cover of concentrated artillery fire around the Xishai in Guangxi, Ningming country.

In six hours, five Vietnamese assaults have been repulsed by Chinese troops, the paper

French assembly

PARIS, May 17 (AFP) — As Socialist Francois Mitterrand prepared to assume the presidency Thursday, rightist and leftist leaders here feverishly geared up for crucial legislative elections likely to be held June 14 and June 21.

President Valery Giscard d'Estaing will hold the last routine weekly cabinet meeting of his seven-year mandate Wednesday and Thursday morning he will hand over powers to Mitterrand — France's 21st president.

Giscard d'Estaing will give him a document, *The State of France* and Clinch the power transfer with a handshake. Mitterrand will appoint a provisional government to handle day-to-day matters and was expected to immediately dissolve the 491-seat national assembly where the Gaullists and Giscard

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Israeli aggression denounced

Full support for Lebanon

By Adnan Sadeq
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, May 17 — Saudi Arabia Sunday threw its full weight in support of the legitimate authority of Lebanon and called on Arab and Lebanese leaders to rally behind the Lebanese government.

A statement by the Foreign Ministry also strongly denounced "continued Israeli aggression against Lebanon" and "condemned Israel for heightening tension" in that worn-torn country.

"In the face of the grave escalation of tension, which threatens world peace, the Kingdom affirms its support to the legitimate Lebanese authority and assistance to the Arab Deterrent Force which comes under the jurisdiction of that authority," the statement said.

The statement added that Saudi Arabia fully supports Lebanon's independence and territorial integrity and stands firm in the face of Zionist attacks against Lebanon.

It added that the role (keeping peace in Lebanon) shouldered by "sisterly Syria springs from the backing of Arab League member states to the legitimate Lebanese authority."

The statement also affirmed Saudi Arabia's support to Syria (against Zionist attacks) as stipulated by Arab and International conventions to enable Syria protect

and defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity.

The statement concluded by calling on Lebanese leaders to join hands with their Arab brethren to pre-empt the real (Israeli) danger which threatens the Arab world as a whole.

In Damascus the Syrian government newspaper *Tishrin* Sunday underlined expressions of support for Damascus, saying that Algeria, Iran North and South Yemen and Cuba had all announced their backing for Syria against Israel.

Iraq, at odds with Syria because of Syrian support for Iran in the Gulf war, has also said it will side with Damascus in any conflict with Israel. Among other Arab countries, Libya is sending concrete military assistance, Syria and Libya announced their theoretical political and military merger last September.

Hours after Saudi Arabia announced its support to Damascus, Syria moved stocks of surface-to-air missiles into east Lebanon's Bekaa Valley.

The Associated Press reporter Alex Elty saw flatbed transporters with canvas-covered missiles move in from the Syrian border into the Valley on the main Beirut-Damascus highway.

The winch-equipped transporters unloaded their cargoes at the three missile sites Syria set up in Bekaa few days ago. Elty said it was clear the Syrians were not increasing

For Americans abroad

Regan promises tax cuts

By Nigel Harvey
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, May 17 — U.S. Treasury Secretary Donald Regan Sunday promised to help ease the tax burden on U.S. citizens working abroad and who pay full U.S. domestic taxes on their incomes.

Regan, who left Riyadh Sunday night for home after the meetings of the Saudi-U.S. Economic Commission, told a breakfast meeting of the American businessmen's group in Riyadh that new tax legislation for Americans abroad would be introduced in the Reagan administration's next taxation bill, according to a U.S. Treasury spokesman who said that would not be until next year.

Regan later reaffirmed the promise to "amend" U.S. expatriate's tax during a joint press conference with Finance Minister Muhammad Abu Al Khalil at the new Riyadh conference center. He declined to specify what changes would be made, but promised to make strong representations on behalf of the overseas taxpayers in the new administration as he feels more Americans should be encouraged to work abroad to help U.S. exports.

Earlier at the final open session of the joint economic commission, spokesmen for the Saudi-U.S. businessmen's group which for the second year running met in parallel with the commission, mentioned the tax as a key problem for U.S. companies doing business in the Kingdom. They also complained of complicated U.S. legislation against compliance with the Arab boycott of Israel and unfair business practices. Saudi businessmen sought less taxation on their U.S. investments.

Regan cut short his stay in Riyadh which was to end Monday and cancelled trips to Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, and Libya in Gabon for an interim meeting of the International Monetary Fund, returning instead to Washington where political pressure is rising over his controversial tax cut bill.

poll slated June

dians have an overwhelming majority.

The latest poll shows the left with the support of 52 per cent of French voters for the general election. Because many seats are held by the right by tiny margins, such a relatively small shift could give the left a good parliamentary working majority. The poll showed the Socialist Party winning 36 per cent of the votes, compared to 25 per cent in the last general elections in 1978 — a massive 13 per cent increase.

The poll forecast a further blow for the Communist Party, with only 13 per cent support, compared to 20 per cent in 1978. In the recent presidential elections the Communist Party suffered its worst defeat since 1936 with a mere 15.4 per cent vote instead of its traditional 20 per cent. The poll, taken by a prominent institute showed that 70 percent of those interviewed thought that in the event of a leftist victory, there would be Communists in the new government.

No mass rallies were planned this weekend as political activities moved indoors where party leaders made plans for the legislative contests. French commentators reported the first round of voting would most probably take place June 14 with a runoff in the places where no candidates wins more than 50 per cent of the vote.

Saudia-Williams wins

ZOLDER, Belgium, May 17 (AFP) — Carlos Reutemann of Argentina, driving a Saudia-Williams, won the incident-marred Belgian Formula One Grand Prix here Sunday ahead of Jacques Laffite of France in a Ligier and Nigel Mansell of Britain in a Lotus. (Story on page 12)

ing the number of missile sites or launchers but merely stockpiling SAM-6s to replace any missiles fired from the 12 visible half-track launchers already deployed in the region.

In Beirut, the Palestinian leadership, which has been expecting an imminent wide scale Israeli military operation in south Lebanon, has adopted a number of military and security measures to cope with the situation, the Voice of Palestine said Sunday.

The leadership also decided to pursue efforts for the convening of an emergency Arab foreign ministers conference "as soon as possible" to discuss the Israeli threats.

It said the decisions were taken Saturday night at a joint meeting of the executive committee of the PLO and the heads of Palestinian commando organizations under the chairmanship of PLO chief Yasir Arafat.

Arafat called for a general mobilization of Palestinians two days ago and the Lebanese progressive national movement also mobilized its militia to confront any future Israeli attack.

The broadcast said the Palestinian Higher Security Committee has been called for meeting later Sunday to discuss measures and arrangements to secure protection for civilians in case of an Israeli attack.

Farouk Khaddoumi, head of the PLO Political Department said in an interview (Continued on back page)

Khaled receives Hussein; talks begin in Riyadh

RIYADH, May 17 (SPA) — King Hussein of Jordan arrived here Sunday from Iraq on the second leg of a Gulf tour that will take him to Kuwait, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and Oman.

King Khaled headed the welcoming party, which included Crown Prince Fahd and Prince Abdullah, second deputy prime minister and commander of the National Guard to receive the Jordanian monarch. King Hussein is accompanied by his Prime Minister Mudar Badran; Ahmed Laouzi, chief of the Royal Court; and Amer Khammash, minister of the Royal Cabinet; and Foreign Minister Marwan Kassem.

Later Sunday night King Khaled gave a dinner party in honor of King Hussein attended by high-ranking Saudi Arabian and Jordanian officials.

After the party King Khaled headed the Saudi-Arabian delegation to the talks with King Hussein on bilateral relations. (Continued on back page)

3rd bomb found at Kennedy airport

NEW YORK, May 17 (AP) — A third pipe bomb was found in the Pan American World Airways terminal at Kennedy Airport early Sunday, less than 20 hours after a bomb exploded in the same terminal and killed an airport employee.

But before city bomb squad police could get to the terminal, an anonymous caller warned police that yet another bomb — a fourth — was somewhere in the building. Police completely evacuated the terminal.

The most recently-discovered bomb — the third — was found around 5:15 a.m. (0915 GMT) in a women's rest room near the front of the circular Pan Am building, according to airport police. Police said they did not immediately determine whether the caller represented the same group that claimed responsibility for the first two bombs.

Saturday morning, a man with a Spanish accent, saying he represented the Puerto Rican armed resistance group, telephoned airport police minutes before the explosion at 9:

Bilateral relations discussed

Regan meets leaders

RIYADH, May 17 (SPA) — Petroleum and Mineral Resources Minister Ahmad Zaki Yamani received U.S. Treasury Secretary Donald Regan Sunday. The meeting, attended by the American delegation accompanying Regan, discussed bilateral relations and issues of mutual interest.

Earlier in the day, Regan met with Planning Minister Hisham Nazer. They discussed all aspects of cooperation between the Kingdom and the United States. The meeting was attended by Deputy Planning Minister Dr. Faizan Bashir.

Nazer gave a detailed explanation about the Kingdom's third five-year development plan and the industrial development in Jubail, Yanbu and other cities.

Agriculture in general, and water in particular, were the subject matter Saturday of a meeting between Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh and the U.S. Treasury Secretary. The talks dealt with cooperation in these fields, as

well as activities in which cooperation is possible through the Saudi-U.S. Joint Commission. Mixed projects also were reviewed.

Regan arrived in the Kingdom Friday to attend the annual meeting of the Joint Saudi Arabia-United States Economic and Technical Cooperation Commission held in Riyadh this year. The commission began its meeting Saturday morning. A group of American businessmen also went into talks with local businessmen, a traditional gesture that comes in line with the commission's meetings.

Saudi Arabian exports to the U.S. increased from SR4.4 billion in 1974 to SR5.6 billion in 1980, while imports from the U.S. rose from SR1.7 billion to SR20 billion during the same period.

The Saudi-American businessmen's dialogue which began last year has contributed to further expand fields of cooperation between the two countries.

Ank receives SR25m budget

ANK, May 17 (SPA) — Ank Municipality's new budget amounted to SR 25 million, in addition to SR 3 million surplus from last year's budget, according to officials Sunday.

Mayor Abdul Rahman Al-Rakan said projects allocated in the current budget include building a commercial market at a cost of SR2 million. It also comprises asphalt paving and illuminating of streets in Ank and Jash at a total cost of SR 12 million, he said.

He added that SR 12 million was allocated for a landfill project of the limited income citizen's district in Ank, and SR 9.2 million for operational wages and expenses. Rakan

said that the municipality is studying construction of a public garden in Ank at an estimated cost of SR 3 million.

Other projects under construction include a road asphalt project for the streets of Ank and Jash. The project costs SR18 million. The municipality also is engaged in building three public toilets at SR 290,223, and landfilling the limited income citizens' district in Ank which costs SR 3 million. The municipality has taken delivery of the Ank and Jash sewage network project which was completed recently. The project cost SR8 million.

Kingdom, UAE to join U.S. talks

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, May 17 — At least two Arab states — Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates — will be represented at an international conference in Ohio next month grouping local government officials and municipal experts from at least 40 countries.

More than 1,000 local officials from

around the world are expected to take part in the 25th World Congress of the International Union of Local Authorities, to be held in Columbus, Ohio, June 21-25.

President Reagan has been invited to address the opening session of the conference, whose theme will be "Meeting the Challenges of the 1980s," organizers said.

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TALKS: U.S. Secretary of Treasury Donald Regan meets with Saudi Arabian members of the Saudi Arabian-U.S. joint commission.

By Public Administration Institute

Computer's role to be highlighted

Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, May 17 — The Public Administration Institute will hold a two-day seminar on computer technology here at the end of May, officials announced Sunday.

University professors and deputy ministers, as well as other experts are due to take part in the discussions and reviews on the role of the computer in the development of the Kingdom, and the country's experience with it.

Five research papers will be submitted on the computer, its uses here and its possibilities, the applications of the computer and the experience of the defense ministry in using it, data basis and the linking of satellites with the computer with a view to taking advantage of the proposed Arab satellite.

The sixth national seminar on the computer was held here last November. It was attended by Saudi Arabian representatives and international experts. The session was addressed by Planning Minister Hisham Nazer.

Nazer said the current five-year plan laid

special emphasis on the training of Saudi Arabeans for the operation and maintenance of computers. By the end of the plan the government will have trained an adequate number of men for this highly specialized job.

He said already many government departments are using computers as a matter of routine. "Our need for specialists in this field is quite clear," he said.

The chancellor of Riyadh University, Dr. Mansour Al-Turki, said that 70 per cent of the research papers submitted to the seminar were prepared by Saudi Arabian universities and that Riyadh University alone was responsible for 40 per cent of them.

The seminar discussed what was called "the ultimate beneficiary" of the computer as well as applications and programming. Twenty-five manufacturing companies displayed their products.

A visiting Texas University professor predicted that soon everyone will have an opportunity to own their own individual computers as a result of the massive strides being made in the variety of uses for the computer.

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The delegation, led by Muhammad Raqiqi, told *Arab News* that they plan to sell hand-made Persian carpets in the country on an instalment basis in order to encourage as many limited income people as possible to acquire them. This will be done through their appointed agent who will make sure that the instruments are modest and spread over a certain period.

Iran already supplies the two holy mosques of Makkah and Medina and government departments but this seems to be a new effort

to double sales of carpets and handicrafts with the Iranian government permitting the delegation to export any amount of carpets to the Kingdom.

The delegation also called on Makkah Governor Prince Majed as part of their tour of the country.

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On Kingdom's development

London seminar planned

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, May 17 — Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Alghosabi will open on June 1 a two-day seminar in London entitled "The Role of International Firms in

COMMENT

By Jamal Al-Sahl

Okaz

During the past few years the Asir region has successfully made good strides in different fields including summer resorts.

The idea of summer resorts is not new because the regional environment has automatically given birth to the idea that Asir should be the location of a good summer resort in the Kingdom.

But a question arises as to where is the official machinery which should boost this idea and strive to offer the required services to tourists from the Kingdom and other neighboring countries, who would feel attracted to come to Asir to enjoy its moderate climate, thick forests and heavy rains. In this connection, it should be an interesting point to note that Asir has already had a national park whose first stage has been completed.

It is, however, no secret that Asir Governor Prince Khaled Al-Faisal has realized the great significance of the availability of a machinery that should offer all necessary services and facilities to tourists coming to the summer resorts in his region. Not only this, among the important objectives of this machinery should be to preserve the environmental beauty and the archeological sites as well as to improve and further develop the tourist services in the region.

In order to make Asir an ideal summer resort, it would be necessary to create programs in which several government departments participate giving a strong boost to the idea of an administrative machinery for the summer resorts. Following the establishment of a national park, Asir has assumed considerable importance from the aspect of tourism. If there are full-fledged programs for summer resorting in the south, people would be saved the bother of having to go abroad for recreation.

Prayer Times

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Maghreb (Sunset)	6.54	7.00	6.32	6.22	6.46	7.20
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Saudi Arabia's Industrial and Economic Development Plans."

The June seminar will be the first in a series to highlight the present developmental boom in Saudi Arabia. The seminar will help acquaint the reader abroad with the giant strides made by the Kingdom in the economic, financial and social fields within the framework of Islam and under the leadership of King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd.

The seminars also will pinpoint Saudi Arabia's leading role in world affairs as a result of its civilization, culture and economic background.

Saudi Arabian officials to address the seminar include Abdul Aziz Al-Zamel, director general of the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) who will discuss the petrochemical industry; Dr. Abdul Hadi Taher, Petroleum governor; Dr. Faisal Bashir, undersecretary for the Planning Minister, who will discuss the new Five-Year Development Plan and the encouragement of the private sector; and Oil and Natural Resources Undersecretary Dr. Ghazi Sultan.

Speakers from the private sector include Dr. Ibrahim Ubaid, undersecretary at the Ministry of Posts, Telegraph and Telephones, who will discuss joint ventures; Khaled Al-Aswad, board chairman of the Saudi Cable Company; and Fahd Hussein Shobokshi, director general of Ali and Fahd Shobokshi Establishment.

Among the experts attending the seminar will be Jack Petter, board chairman of Saudi Mobil; M.A. Calin, director of administration for the Saudi-American Bank and vice chairman of the City Bank group; S.G. Ogeat, marketing director of the Saudi-British Bank; and John Nierhout, vice chairman of Bechtel Petroleum Company.

The seminar will be presided over by Dr. Mansour Al-Turki, rector of Riyadh University; and Lord Celsdon, head of the Middle East trade committee and advisor of the Middle East financial group. The speeches will be followed by a general debate on banking, finance and joint ventures. The seminar is being sponsored by *Saudi Gazette*, while Saudi Arabian Airlines (Saudia) and Ibn Sina Scientific Foundation in Britain also will participate. The *Financial Times* conference department is handling the seminar's organization.



TOUR: Jeddah Islamic Port director Fuad Mukhtar (second from right) gives a tour of the port to Chinese Communications Minister Chin-Shen Lin (third from right). The Chinese ambassador to the Kingdom Yu-chi Hsueh (far right) accompanied the minister.

Minister tours Islamic port

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, May 17 — Chinese Communications Chin-Shen Lin and his delegation visited Jeddah Islamic Port Saturday. They were briefed on the ports activities by Fuad Mukhtar, Jeddah port director general.

Mukhtar explained the port's capabilities and its achievements — at the top of which comes increasing berths from 12 to 43 in four years and bulk cement silos and other facilities. The Chinese delegation toured the port, inspected a number of berths and the 4,000-ton daily desalination plant which supplies drinking water for ships.

Lin also witnessed the modern fuel sup-

ply system for ships. Mukhtar said that the port authority removed 30 sunken vessels, which were there for a long time, to expand the harbor. He told the Chinese minister that the entrance channels also were expanded to 300 meters to accommodate two vessels at the same time.

The Chinese minister inspected the fire-fighting tugboats which help distinguish fires aboard ships and the latest anti-pollution and navigational equipment. He said that what he saw in Jeddah Islamic Port was "something like a miracle." Jeddah port is one of the largest ports in the world in regard to organization and "a bright future for your country," Lin added.

He said he admired the ships calling schedule, storage system and the automatic unloading system.

Charity group to build headquarters

RIYADH, May 17 (SPA) — Riyadh Philanthropic Foundation plans to build two headquarters, officials announced Saturday after a board meeting of the foundation under its vice chairman Prince Sattam, Riyadh's deputy governor.

The headquarters will be located in Sulaymaniyah on a plot offered by Riyadh Municipality, and off Sineen Street at Al-Malazza on a parcel of land donated anonymously.

Firm provides navigational equipment

LONDON, May 17 (LPS): Survey and navigational services on board two pipeline-laying vessels in Gulf oilfields off Saudi Arabia are currently being provided by a British firm.

Work on the seven-month contract is being carried out by technicians and surveyors from Oilfield Hydrographic Projects, of northern

England, with high-precision navigation systems and underwater sonar detection equipment supplied by the firm. Oilfield Hydrographic Projects has expanded rapidly during the last few years and now provides personnel, equipment, and navigational and survey capabilities on a world basis for many offshore exploration contractors.

KAU to discuss effects of environment on plastics

By Ahmad Kamal Khursi

JEDDAH, May 17 — The College of Mechanical Engineering in the King Abdul Aziz University is holding a two-day seminar on "degradation of Plastics in various Environments" at the College of Science Auditorium on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The department received 30 papers and out of these 23 have been selected for presentation. Experts in the field of construction, plastics and rubbers from Britain, University of Petroleum and Chemicals, Dhahran, Riyadh University and KAU are expected to participate in the deliberations.

The seminar will be divided into four sessions and will be inaugurated by Dr. Abdulla Nassif, Rector of KAU. Dr. Khalid Yusuf El-Khalaf, chief of the Saudi Standards Organization, will deliver the opening

On cooperation

Kingdom, Belgium schedule talks

JEDDAH, May 17 — The Saudi Arabian-Belgian Joint Economic and Technical Cooperation Committee will hold its meetings in Jeddah from May 24 to 26 within the framework of the Economic and Technical Agreement signed between the two countries in 1978, according to the Belgian Embassy Sunday.

The Saudi Arabian delegation will be headed by Ambassador Ma'moun Gabbani, director of the western department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Belgian delegation will be led by the director general of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, economic relations, Jan Hollants Van loocke. The joint commission meets in principle once every year with the site of meetings alternating between Jeddah and Brussels.

The commission is considered the umbrella for Saudi Arabian-Belgian cooperation in all economic technical and scientific fields and through it, all aspects of cooperation between the two countries are dealt with.

Turkey, OIC sign pact

JEDDAH, May 17 (SPA) — An agreement was signed here Saturday whereby the Turkish government will grant diplomatic immunity and privilege to the Statistical, Economic and Social Research and Training Center for Islamic Countries in Ankara and the Research Center in Culture, Art and History in Istanbul.

The signing took place at the Organization of Islamic Conference headquarters here.

The agreement was signed by OIC Secretary General Habib Chatti and Turkish Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Hussein Shalem on behalf of the Turkish government. Chatti thanked the Turkish government for its Islamic endeavors and its support for the two centers.

During the talks several areas for potential Belgian cooperation in development will be discussed. In particular the emphasis on industrialization in the five-year development plan is seen as a great opportunity for Belgium's efforts to export. Special emphasis will also be laid on the fields of railway, transportation, agriculture, communications, telecommunications, health care, housing and training.

Qasr Al-Hokm tenders

RIYADH, May 17 (SPA) — Contractors will be invited to bid at the beginning of July this year for the first phase of the Qasr Al-Hokm area project, a spokesman for the Higher Executive Committee for the Development of Qasr Al-Hokm said Saturday evening.

The committee met under its vice chairman, Riyadh's Deputy Governor Prince Satam.

Dr. Omar Ibrahim Abdul Karim, director general of the office for the development of Qasr Al-Hokm area, said that modification of the designs for the first phase will be completed within a month and a half from now.

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Leaves for Washington

Barre said seeking better ties with U.S.

MOGADISHU, May 17 (Agencies) — There have been conflicting reports here as to the nature of Somali President Siad Barre's unofficial visit to the United States.

According to Sunday's report in the official Somali News Agency Sonna, Barre will be meeting with American leaders in order to strengthen relations between the two countries. Yet, informed sources in Mogadishu said Sunday that the 59-year-old president's visit to the United States was for medical reasons. Although these informed sources would not reveal any details of Barre's medical condition, they said the president would probably be staying in the U.S. for up to one month.

Barre left Mogadishu Saturday for the United States. The informed sources did not discount the possibility that Barre and the four top government officials accompanying him may seek for meetings with U.S. government officials, but the sources denied that any such meetings had been prearranged.

According to Somali government sources, the United States Ambassador to Somalia, Don Petterson, left for the United States Thursday in anticipation of Barre's visit.

Barre Friday night warned Ethiopia that it "will meet a crushing and humiliating defeat" if it attempts to invade Somalia.

The Somali leader said that the Ethiopian regime was claiming that it now had an opportunity to invade and retaliate for

Somalia's past "wrong-doings" but that it would refrain "out of goodwill."

His speech at the national theater to a large crowd commemorating Somalia's National Youth Day was in the context of the long-standing difference between the two Horn of Africa states over the disputed Ogaden region. Barre was apparently referring to a recent commentary by the Ethiopian news agency saying that the Ethiopian regime would not exploit what it called Somalia's internal problems and invade "as Somalia did in 1977."

(The Somali leader last month sacked his defense minister and security chief as part of a major government shakeup. War broke out between Somalia and Ethiopia in 1977 over Ethiopian held Ogaden which Somalia has traditionally claimed.) The president said that the Ethiopians would be at a loss if they miscalculated Somalia's strength and thought it was in a weaker position than before.

"Somalia has a defense force capable of repelling any enemy that dares to invade her territory, and Mengistu (Ethiopian head of state Mengistu Haile Mariam) knows that we will meet with a humiliating and crushing defeat if he tries to invade us," he said.

He added that Somalia, which supports the western Somali liberation front fighting for an independent Ogaden region, would welcome any "genuine and just" initiative aimed at settling the Horn of Africa issue.

In Turkey

Terrorist actions' decrease

ANKARA, May 17 (AFP) — There are 26,828 political prisoners in Turkey, according to a government report published Saturday, which added that "terrorist acts" had decreased by 70 per cent in the eight months since the new government took over.

According to official figures, 4,681 of the prisoners were being held under three-month police detention, 20,678 had been arrested after being charged and 1,469 were in jail pending sentencing. Since September 12, 1980 — date on which the new government took over — the military courts had sentenced 24 persons to death.

In 13 cases, the verdict was confirmed after appeal. Four of the 13 had been hanged and four were still at large. Sentences in two of the other 11 cases were being studied but nine had been overturned and sent for re-trial.

During the month which followed the coup, 1,146 "terrorist acts" were recorded, but only 358 acts of terrorism took place

U.S., Egypt hold talks on Sinai unit

CAIRO, May 17 (AP) — Senior American and Egyptian representatives held talks here Saturday on the modalities of forming a multi-national peaceforce to police the Egyptian-Israeli borders next April.

The force would include non-combat American troops and its formation is called for under the U.S. mediated Camp David Middle East peace accords. They are to be in position when Israel is scheduled to make its final withdrawal from the Sinai peninsula April 1982.

Originally, the U.N. should have formed the force, but the Soviet Union, opposed to the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, has threatened to veto the unit's creation at the Security Council. Under the treaty, the U.S. pledged to form an alternative multi-national unit. Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali said his 90-minute talks Saturday with U.S. Deputy Assistant Undersecretary of State Michael Sternier were "preliminary consultations" pending a full discussion of the issue at the American-Egyptian meeting scheduled here May 25.

The creation of the force is a delicate issue, primarily because of Arab fears the Soviet Union may seek to station its own troops in some Arab country to counteract the American military presence in Sinai. The Egyptians are thus trying to waterdown the force as much as possible by insisting on a larger number of non-American military personnel.

"It has to be as international as possible," Ghali told reporters after talks with Sternier. "The various responsibilities within the force should also be distributed evenly among the nationalities."

BRIEFS

ATHENS, (AFP) — Four earth tremors recorded four degrees on the Richter Scale were registered Saturday in the area of the Ionian Sea east of the Peloponnesus peninsula, the Geodynamic Institute here announced Sunday.

TEL AVIV, (AFP) — Egyptian ambassador to Israel Saad Mortada will return here Monday with a message from Egypt's President Anwar Sadat to Israeli Premier Menahem Begin described as "very important." Mortada has spent the past 12 days in Cairo for consultations with his government.

TEHRAN, (AFP) — A delegation led by Iranian Vice-Premier for Political Affairs Muhammad Hashemi left here for Damascus Sunday to assure Syria of Tehran's complete support in its dispute with Israel, Pars News Agency reported.

TEL AVIV, (AFP) — A bomb exploded early Sunday in the Israeli airline El Al offices in Istanbul, the company head office here announced.

By Israel

Five Palestinian houses in Gaza Strip destroyed

TEL AVIV, May 17 (AP) — Israeli occupation forces destroyed five houses Sunday after recently arresting a number of Palestinian nationalists allegedly responsible for 14 deaths and 22 wounding in the occupied Gaza Strip, a military spokesman said.

The Palestinians belonged to three cells operating in the Gaza Strip village of Jabaliya under the direction of the Palestine Liberation Organization's (PLO) military arm Fatah, the spokesman said. The spokesman did not say how many were arrested.

The military spokesman named Rafik Silmi as the ringleader of the group. Silmi was killed last December in a shootout with security forces who came to arrest him.

However, the cells continued to operate "after his liquidation," the spokesman said.

Egypt worried over presence of superpower naval units

CAIRO, May 17 (AP) — Egypt has expressed concern at the increasing Soviet and American naval military units in the Mediterranean and President Anwar Sadat told the Palestinians and Syrians Moscow does not want to solve the Middle East conflict.

The 76,000-ton U.S. aircraft carrier, *Independence* which moved into the eastern Mediterranean Friday raised U.S. naval strength in the area to 32 battle ships. The Soviets maintain between 30 to 40 vessels regularly and they have moved the helicopter carrier, *Moskva* closer to the Lebanese national army to enable it to take over peace-keeping on its soil.

Egypt's concern was voiced Saturday in a statement by parliament's foreign relations committee which termed the situation in the area "dangerous" and appealed to Arab countries to intervene to settle growing Syrian-Israeli tensions which are "threaten-

ing security in the area as well as world peace."

The statement carried by the Middle East News Agency said "Syrian intervention in the affairs of Lebanon and Israeli greed for Lebanese territory are prime cause of the tensions... the consequent movement of superpower naval units in the area is serious."

The statement reiterated Egypt's demand that Syria withdraws its troops. Israel has halted its military aggressions on Lebanon and appealed to Arab countries to extend military and material assistance to the Lebanese national army to enable it to take over peace-keeping on its soil.

Meanwhile, in a speech to university professors in the Mediterranean city of Alexandria, Sadat again appealed to the Palestinians and Syrians to sit down and negotiate with Israel for a Mideast settlement.

Sadat aide resigns

CAIRO, May 17 (R) — Egyptian Justice Minister Anwar Abu Sehl resigned Saturday, according to an official broadcast on Cairo television. The television, which said Ahmad Samir Sami, a member of the judiciary, had been appointed to replace Sehl, gave no reason for the resignation.

Deputy Prime Minister Osman Ahmad Osman also resigned Wednesday after a committee of inquiry told parliament it had found no evidence to back allegations in his best-selling autobiography of financial mal-practices by senior officials in the past.

Canadian premier meets Benjedid

ALGIERS, May 17 (R) — Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, who arrived in Algiers Saturday on a 48-hour official visit, had talks with Algerian President Chadli Benjedid, Canadian sources said. Trudeau also met Algerian Foreign Minister Muhammad Benyahia and the ministers of trade, energy, finance and planning to discuss bilateral relations.

Ethiopian ministers visit Scandinavia

ADDIS ABABA, May 17 (AP) — Ethiopian Deputy Premier Fisseha Desta left here Saturday at the head of a high-level delegation for what was described as a working visit to Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Belgium and the Netherlands. Accompanying Fisseha were the ministers of industry, agriculture, labor and social affairs.

In Brussels, the Ethiopian team will visit the headquarters of the European Economic Community (EEC) with which the government in Addis Ababa is linked under the terms of the Lome Convention.



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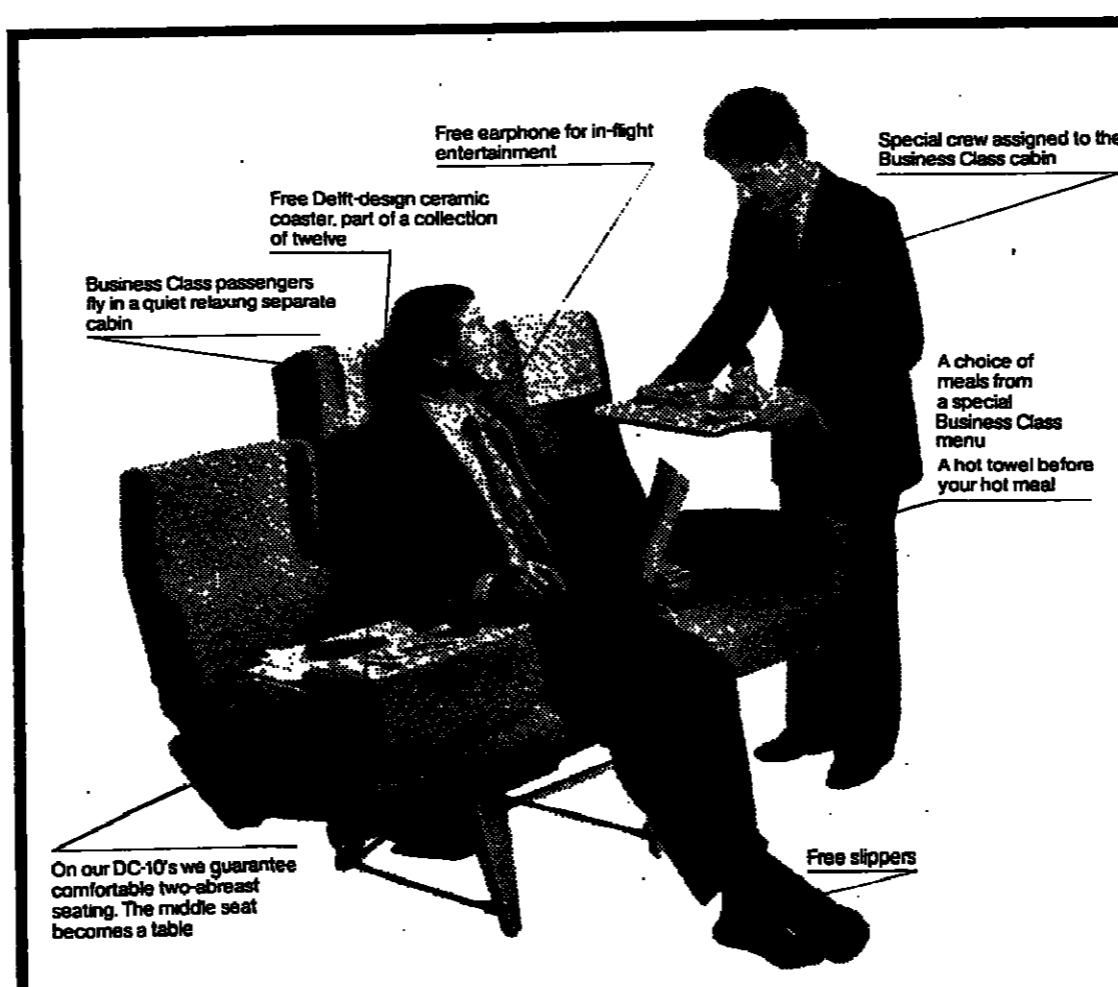
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KINGDOM'S STAND

The government of Saudi Arabia is not given to making frequent public comments on current world affairs but when the situation in the region becomes grave and threatens the peace of a much larger area, it cannot fail to point out the dangers involved.

Such a situation is now developing in Lebanon and, through it, in the Middle East where Israel appears planning another military operation against both Lebanon and Syria, no matter what the consequences might be. This has prompted Saudi Arabia not only to denounce the Zionist designs to drag the region into another flare-up but also to reaffirm its support for the legitimate power in Lebanon and the Arab Deterrent Force there which comes under Lebanese control.

The ADF is in the country at the request of the Lebanese government and it has helped bring an end to the civil war which split the country in the mid 1970s. Peace was restored and could have been further consolidated had Israel left the Lebanese parties alone to manage their own affairs. But it didn't. It conquered an enclave of Lebanese territory and handed it over to a Lebanese traitor to govern it on its behalf. All attempts to create the right atmosphere for a Lebanese detente have been foiled by Israel which claims to be the "protector" of the Lebanese Christians, but did not seem to care much for the Palestinian Christians when they stood against its conquest of their own country.

A Lebanese settlement will cancel the need for any foreign troops if only Israel and those behind it let a Lebanese formula evolve. Once this is done, the Syrians will have to quit but only when Israel has ceased to occupy Lebanese territory and interfere in the country's internal affairs.

The Kingdom has, therefore, underscored the sinister designs of the Zionists and at the same time supported the legal authority of Lebanon, and appealed to the Lebanese to close their ranks.

By declaring its support for the ADF under the authority of the Lebanese government, Saudi Arabia has also served notice that it will view with grave concern any new Israeli aggression on that country and on the ADF there. Coming as it does from a country that is not in the habit of making frequent or verbose outbursts, yesterday's statement should be taken with the seriousness that it deserves.

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some Middle East states by King Hussein of Jordan figured prominently as a front-page story in the newspapers.

The presence of Philip Habib and Dr. Van Der Klaauw in the Kingdom for talks with Saudi Arab officials formed a topic of discussion in *Al Nadwa*'s editorial. The paper said that, since Klaauw has come to the Middle East to get to know the views of the parties concerned, he will hear the oft-repeated firm views of the Kingdom based on Israeli withdrawal and restoration of the Palestinian people's right to self-determination. The paper hoped that Europe will appreciate that any initiative ignoring these fundamentals will never meet any success in the region. As regards Habib's mission, it said he should be sure of one thing: there will be no neutrality towards any aggression on any Arab state. Since Israel leaves no scope for any logic, the paper said, all parties concerned must try to put an end to the Israeli intransigence, as any other alternative would be nothing but an explosion of the situation which will engulf all.

Commenting on Saudi Arabia's permanent support for the Palestine issue, *Al Bilad* noted that this support is based on a firm conviction that there ought to be a national homeland for the people of Palestine on their own soil. The Kingdom's frank and firm stance on this issue has brought to prominence its real dimensions and its support by the world community has made Saudi Arabia enemy number one of Israel, the paper added.

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Saudi Arabia wants from Europe and America is to think with a sense of responsibility on the possible ways of keeping the region free from the risk of war. The paper urged both Europe and America to realize that Israel's wanton acts will lead to a world conflagration and, if not, it will at least make the world economy collapse, thus bringing about a wave of imbalances in the economy at the international level.

In an editorial on the U.S. and Soviet military move in the Mediterranean Sea, *Al Jazirah* observed that these have been motivated by strategic understanding existing between Israel and the two superpowers. Under the present circumstances, military move might develop into a possible confrontation between the superpowers in the Middle East. The seriousness of the situation becomes obvious in view of the U.S. policy of confronting the Soviet Union in the Middle East and also the Soviet Union's readiness for such an encounter. This situation confirms the existence of an expansionist design in the Middle East, the paper said.

On the other hand, *Al Madina* condemned the assassination attempt on the Pope last Wednesday, and said that the Holy Quran has enjoined upon Muslims to reject any act, terrorist or otherwise, that causes the destruction, except where it is in self-defense or necessitated by a holy war. The paper described the Pope as a "man of peace", who always called for the renunciation of violence. It wondered how such a person could fall a victim to violence.

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Why Poles insist on political change

By Mark Frankland

WARSAW — The unpleasant realities of Poland's economic problems are beginning to have an increasing influence on Poland's political debate. With industrial production falling, food supplies apparently insufficient to make up rationed allowances, and the likelihood in the near future of unemployment this is scarcely surprising. But it is typical of Poland today that everything is still agreed over from a political point of view. Government officials tend to see the independent trade union Solidarity as a major cause of the disastrous economic statistics. In Solidarity the blame is put on a bad system for which it will share no responsibility.

Those who believe that the system itself is chiefly at fault will find powerful support in a story just published in the Warsaw newspaper *Zycie Warszawskie*. It is an account of the construction of what the Gierek regime supposed would be the gem of Polish industry — the giant steelworks of Huta Katowice in Silesia.

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As if to underline that rejection, on the same day

Katowice was ceaselessly praised in the Polish press as a supreme example of the modernization of Polish industry and of close cooperation with the Soviet Union. Did the Soviet experts and frequent visitors from Moscow understand that something was wrong? Or were they merely impressed as were many other visitors, Polish and foreign, by the mill's size, knowing nothing of the dubious calculations behind it?

The story of Huta Katowice is certainly an indictment of the old Polish political system. Even senior party officials who protested about it were accused of "obstructing the authorities and democratic centralism" and were removed. It also helps explain why many Poles today refuse to see their economic difficulties as simply economic and insist that they cannot be overcome without political change.

A year without Tito

By Peter Ristic

BELGRADE — Tens of thousands of Yugoslavs paid past the tomb of President Tito in the House of Flowers on the first anniversary of his burial on May 8. Every day over the past year they have come individually and in organized groups, from every corner of the country.

In factories, shops and offices the portrait of the late leader still hangs. The windows of every bookshop are stacked with new biographies. Continuity seems to have been assured. Tito's successors have confirmed, in the words of the party's presidium member Stane Dolanc, that there is in fact no post-Tito era.

To some, like Tito's former comrade-in-arms and vice-president, Milovan Djilas, the country remains, trapped in the past. "The continuance of the cult has meant that the country hasn't opened to dialogue," he said. "This is the essential mistake. There are no fresh ideas. It has paralyzed the more creative forces. We are living with old-fashioned ideas."

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American lives with gear-driven plastic hand

LOS ANGELES, (AP) — Bunce Pierce's left hand hums softly as it opens. When he's nervous, the fingers move tiny jerks and the popping, crackling sounds of frying bacon. But when his mind wills it open, the artificial hand opens. Computerized, battery-powered, gear-driven and life-like in appearance, the device is far removed from the metal hooks that usually replace amputated hands.

"When I tell people I have an electric hand that runs on brain waves, they just freak out," the 40-year-old president of an industrial security company in Los Angeles said in an interview. The plastic hand and forearm, covered with a flesh-colored rubber glove that simulates fingernails and veins, is probably the most realistic and advanced artificial limb that's commercially available. The device has been available for several years in many big cities with major medical centers.

Pierce's hand, provided as part of a UCLA training program for prosthetists who fit artificial limbs, the product of more than a decade of development by American and German researchers. Pierce and his hands featured on the CBS television special "The Body Human: Breakthrough 2000" recently. It does only two things: The thumb and first two fingers will spread apart and they will close up again. The other two fingers are strictly for appearance. The wrist must be moved manually by reaching over with the other hand.

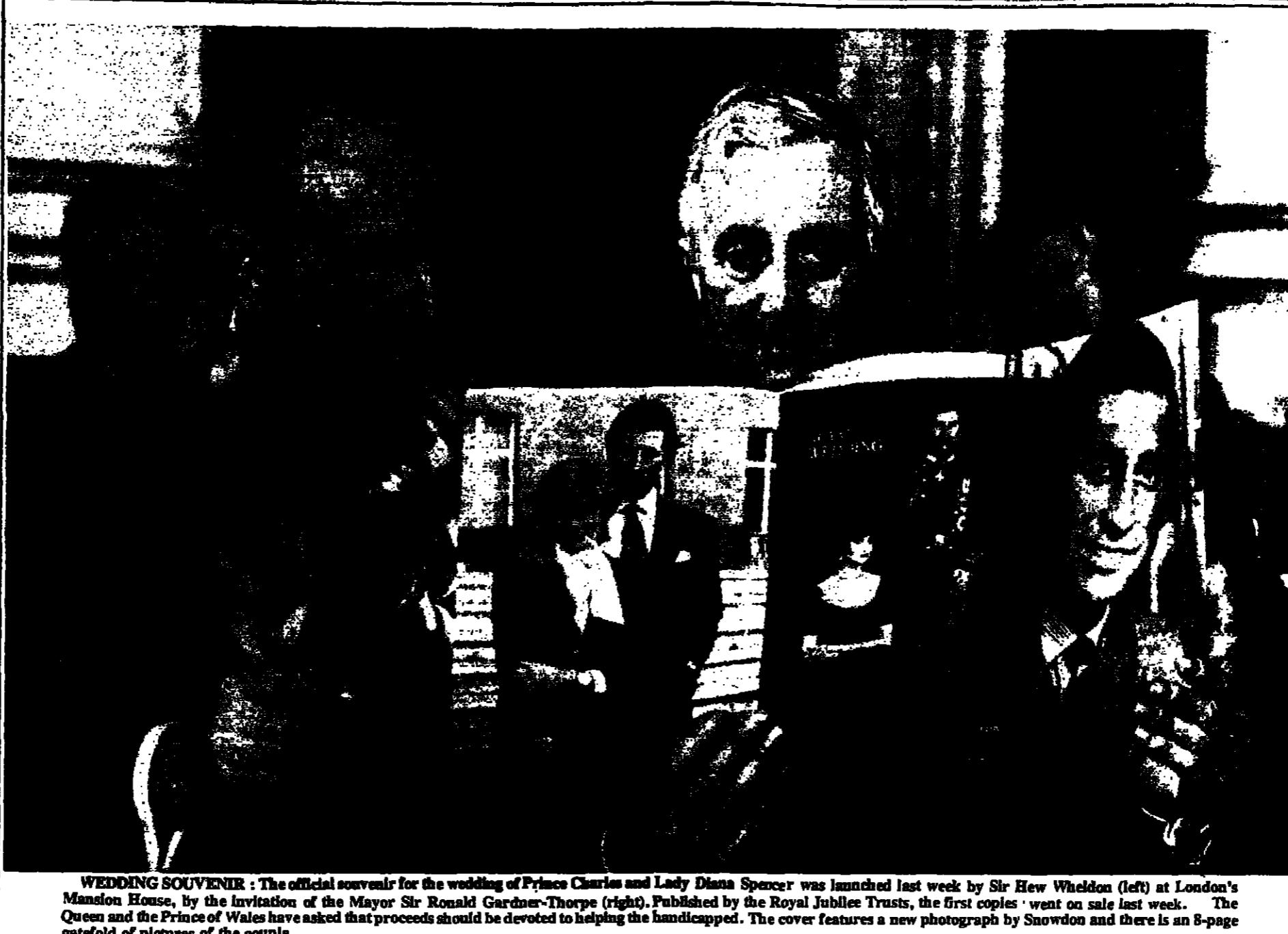
Pierce's hand and wrist were amputated 11 years ago after being mangled by an accidental shotgun blast. The stump slips inside a specially molded collar of the artificial arm, which uses no straps or harnesses. Inside the collar is an electrode on either side. James C. Baird, senior instructor of the UCLA program, said they pick up and amplify the minute electronic impulses that travel along nerves and produce motion. The electric signal goes to a computer chip, which interprets it and starts the gears moving.

The three functioning fingers can exert up to 35 pounds of pressure, much more than a flesh-and-bone hand and more than enough to "crush a glass if I'm not careful," said Pierce. He said the "my electric hand," still in its model-T stage, "is better than a hook," but he said it has its problems too.

It's a heavy six or eight pounds, an expensive \$5,000 and it's distressingly fragile, Pierce says. "I wouldn't say it's a lot better. I don't want to give the impression this is some kind of panacea. The real difference is appearance. People who pass me on the street don't know I have an artificial hand."

"But I'm exceedingly happy with it. It represents a whole new day of thinking ... Before I die, I'll have a fully functional hand. I'm convinced of that." The hand works off batteries that last about 10 hours. Pierce's version must be plugged into a wall outlet for recharging. When the batteries run down, the hand slows up and may not respond to commands. While demonstrating its utility, Pierce found himself unable to release a small box held in the hand's iron grip.

When he's nervous, the fingers make tiny movements and crackling sounds because "I'm sending out impulses all the time and it's firing constantly."



WEDDING SOUVENIR: The official souvenir for the wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer was launched last week by Sir Hew Wheldon (left) at London's Mansion House, by the invitation of the Mayor Sir Ronald Gardner-Thorpe (right). Published by the Royal Jubilee Trust, the first copies went on sale last week. The Queen and the Prince of Wales have asked that proceeds should be devoted to helping the handicapped. The cover features a new photograph by Snowdon and there is an 8-page gatefold of pictures of the couple.

Plasmapheresis can cure neuromuscular disease

By B.D. Cole

NEW HYDE PARK, New York, (N.Y.) — The pain began last June, and it wasn't long before Brenda Halper had lost the use of both her hands and feet. "I wasn't able to function in a housewife's capacity," recalls the Queens woman, who needed help caring for her three children.

Today, Halper "can function. Not fully — I'm limited, but I can function around the house." The neuromuscular disease that struck her last summer has not been cured. In fact, the drugs she was given "did nothing."

What has helped Brenda Halper is a still-experimental form of therapy known as plasmapheresis, the removal of patient's blood and replacement of it with donated plasma and plasma substitutes.

Halper suffers from an auto-immune disease, a condition in which she apparently has developed antibodies that attack portions of her nervous and muscle systems. Through plasmapheresis, the antibodies are removed from the plasma, and Halper's system has a chance to function close to normally.

"There are a number of theoretical reasons why plasmapheresis works," said Dr. Stephen Horowitz, director of the Muscular Dystrophy Clinic at Long Island Hillside Medical Center in New Hyde Park. "It's not a specific treatment for any specific disease."

"I don't want you to say it's an experimental treatment," said the neurologist, "because then everybody will be up in arms. But it seems to work in diseases in which there are circulating antibodies" in the blood that do not belong there.

The treatment has been particularly useful for patients with myasthenia gravis, said Horowitz, a disease in which antibodies in the plasma attack the junctions of nerve and muscle, eventually causing victims to lose voluntary muscle control. The late Aristotle Onassis suffered from the disease, and could be seen to suffer from drooping eyelids, one of its more benign manifestations.

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But plasmapheresis has only been used for about three or four years to treat patients with auto-immune conditions. There are risks associated with the treatment. "It's not exactly harmless because you're shifting large amounts of fluid around and the patient can have heart problems, fluid imbalance and electrolyte problems. But the risks do not outweigh the benefits," said Horowitz.

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Kampuchea facing population explosion

By Bernard Melusky

PHNOM PENH, (R) — After suffering the deaths of possibly millions of its citizens, Kampuchea is experiencing a birth explosion reminiscent of Europe's post-war baby boom. Despite major health and social problems — not to mention political uncertainties arising from the Vietnamese military occupation — the current spate of births seems to ensure that Kampuchea's population will regain its size of the early 1970's.

The Vietnamese-backed government gives the present population as 5.7 million. It says that about three million people died during the pro-Chinese Khmer Rouge rule from 1975 to early 1979. While the exact number of deaths resulting from the civil war, deprivation, revolutionary excesses and famine in the nightmare decade of the 1970's will never be known, foreign politicians and specialists in recent years frequently expressed fears about the survival of the Khmer race.

Now, some Kampuchean health experts are worried not so much about promoting the population growth rate but about limiting the size of families to five children each.

Exact figures, or even reliable estimates, are not available for the birth rate, death rate or overall population growth rate, mainly because of the difficulties of gathering information in a country where most births still take place at home rather than in hospital.

But the new babies are one of the most visible phenomena in the cities and countryside of Kampuchea today, and the baby boom is confirmed by Kampuchean officials and foreign aid workers. And Sarun, director of the mother and child health department, said in an interview that she estimated the birth rate for the whole country last year as 4.8 per cent, which would put it among the highest in the world.

Her estimate was based partly on a survey of five villages. Accurate statistics requested from provincial authorities have not been supplied, probably because they have had more urgent priorities. However, she also stressed that the high infant mortality rate through malnutrition, anemia, malaria and various parasitic diseases. On average, about 10.8 per cent of new-born babies died in infancy, she said.

Two of the most pressing problems concern the inoculation of mother and babies and the continuing shortage of breast milk. There is a campaign to educate pregnant women on how to care for their babies. But because of a shortage of medical personnel and medicines there is still no possibility of mass vaccinations against tuberculosis, polio, diphtheria, tetanus and other killers of newborn children.

Mrs. Ang Sarun said that in Kampuchea, mothers normally breast feed their babies for up to 14 or 15 months. But because of malnutrition last year following the disastrous 1979 famine, many mothers only had enough milk for three or four months. The situation had improved this year, she said, but was still serious. Very few mothers have enough milk for 10 months of breast feeding.

Kampuchea has not yet developed a family planning program but she believes it will be necessary to have one. "Of course, we need more people, but we must also project for the future," she said, adding that at present some women were having a baby each year. "We need distances between pregnancies," she said.

FBI probes deep into Hinckley's past

By Ron Shaffer

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Laura A. Kiernan

WASHINGTON, (WP) — John W. Hinckley Jr., the drifter charged with shooting President Reagan, visited the District of Columbia several times before the March 30 shooting, but investigators have found little evidence that he was stalking Reagan or any other political figure, according to law enforcement sources.

The sources said that Hinckley was registered as a guest at the Capital Hilton Hotel Sept. 27 and 28 and at the Quality Inn on Capitol Hill Oct. 17-19, Feb. 10 and 11 Feb. 16 and 17. But there is no evidence to indicate that these visits were tied to the attack on Reagan.

Instead, the results of a month-long Federal investigation forwarded to prosecutors portray Hinckley as a confused 25-year-old who, apparently using money from his wealthy parents, led a nomadic existence, generally wandering aimlessly from coast to coast.

One clear explanation for some of his travels, sources reiterated, was an apparent fascination for teen-aged actress Jodie Foster, whose first name is the same as his mother's nickname and who is said to look like his mother, Joanne Hinckley, did in her youth. Last fall, Hinckley visited Yale University in New Haven, Conn., where Foster had just begun freshman studies.

Investigators still believe that Hinckley allegedly shot the president to make an impression on Foster — a motive outlined in a letter addressed to Foster, signed with Hinckley's name and found in Hinckley's room at the Park Central Hotel here after the shooting.

Law enforcement officials contend it was this fantasy, whatever its psychic origins, that led to the shooting of Reagan. Hinckley's actions bore little resemblance, they say, to those of Arthur H. Bremer, the 21-year-old Milwaukee busboy who stalked former President Richard M. Nixon and presidential candidate George C. Wallace, kept a diary of his travels and finally shot and wounded Wallace in a Laurel, Md., shopping center in 1972.

"Initially we thought he was another Bremer, but it didn't work out that way," said one law enforcement official familiar with the case. "There doesn't seem to be any information that he was stalking anybody." These findings are among those contained in a 1,200-page summary of the first month of the Hinckley investigation prepared by the FBI's Washington field office in conjunction with the secret service and D.C. police.



John W. Hinckley Jr. who is charged with shooting President Reagan.

to support that theory, even though many of Hinckley's travels are otherwise unexplained.

Hinckley, for instance, was in Chicago, Dayton and Nasville last October at the same time Carter was in those cities for campaign appearances. However, there is no journal as there was in the Bremer case and there is no evidence of a plan. Moreover, except for brief talks following his arrest, investigators have not interviewed Hinckley, who has been held in a psychiatric wing of the Federal Correctional Institute in Butner, N.C., since shortly after the shooting.

Law enforcement investigators continue to assert that Hinckley acted alone when he

Investigators trying to establish Hinckley's actions and motives have not dismissed the potential effect on him of the movie "Taxi Driver," a 1975 release that featured Jodie Foster and Robert DeNiro, who portrayed a frustrated cabdriver who for a time stalked a presidential candidate.

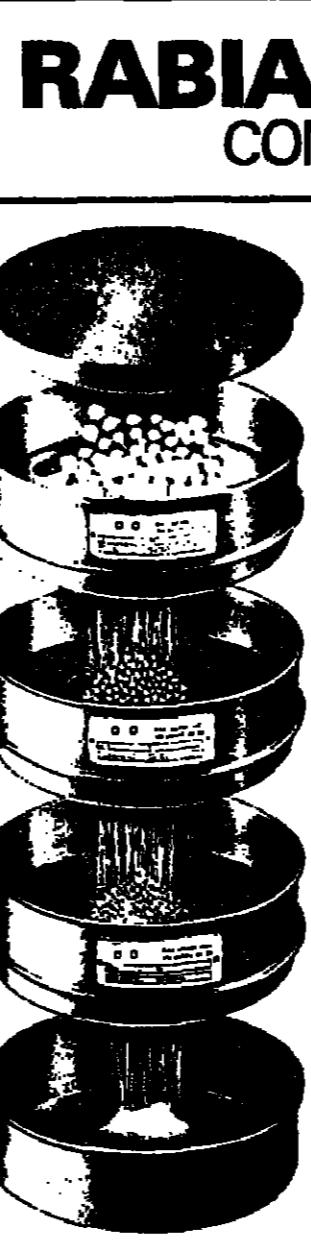
Hinckley saw that movie, and some written materials relating to it were found in his possession, according to the sources. Officials cited "some strong parallels" between parts of the movie and Hinckley's actions, but said that, without interviewing Hinckley, it is difficult to determine the extent to which this movie — or other possible factors such as his mother's resemblance to Foster — affected his action.

As part of examinations being conducted by specialists appointed by the prosecution and the defense, Hinckley at one point was transferred to the Duke University Medical Center in Durham for neurological tests with more sophisticated medical equipment than that at Bumr.

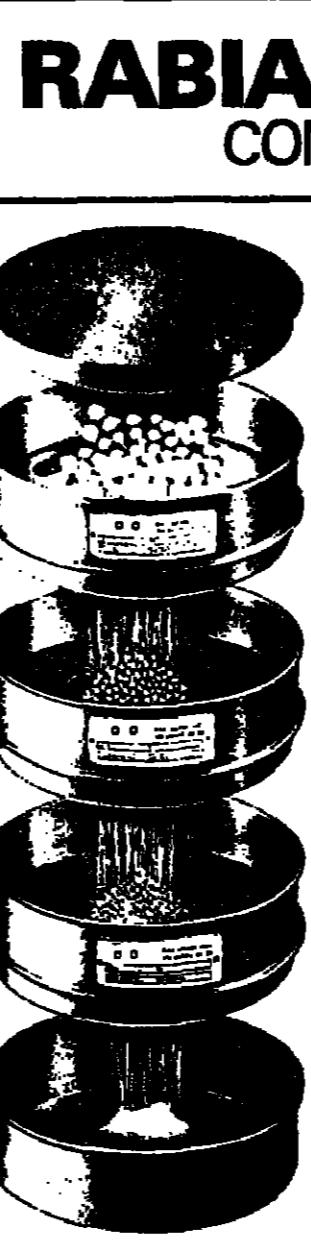
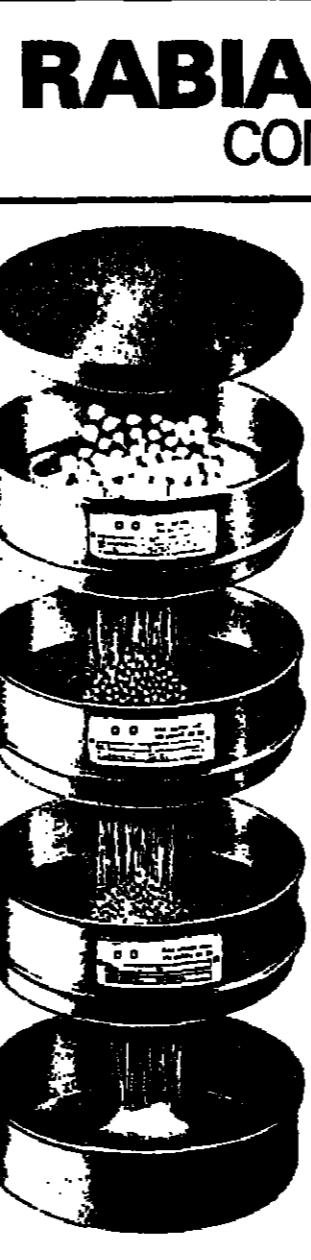
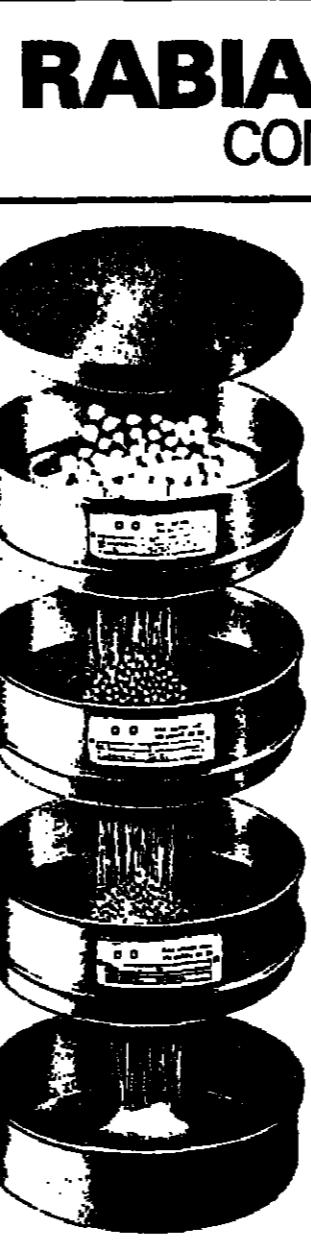
Officials expect the mental tests to continue for at least several more weeks with no indictment expected for at least two months.

"I expect no imminent action in this case," Charles F.C. Ruff, U.S. attorney for the district of Columbia, said. A task force of 50 FBI agents, assisted by D.C. police, secret service agents and the part-time efforts of 700 agents in nearly every one of the five dozen FBI field offices, is continuing the pre-trial investigation.

Prosecutors in U.S. District Court here have said they have never seen such a meticulous effort by the FBI. "We are investigating for history," said special agent Larry Kaisley, spokesman for the FBI's Washington field office.



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U.S. seeks Pretoria help on Namibia

WASHINGTON, May 17 (R) — The Reagan administration has told South Africa that its cooperation in reaching a settlement on Namibia (Southwest Africa) is the key to improved U.S.-South African relations, a senior U.S. official has said.

"We need to know whether they are willing to cooperate," he said in a review of a two-day visit by South African Foreign Minister Piki Botha. "If not, we want to know now." The State Department official said the U.S. position did not amount to a confrontation, but reflected the view that Namibia stands as "both an obstacle and an opportunity in our relationship."

Botha, who ended his official visit Friday after talks with President Ronald Reagan, said following a Thursday meeting with Secretary of State Alexander Haig that he could see "very real possibility" for progress on the Namibia issue. But Botha said he had to report back to Pretoria before giving an answer about South Africa's cooperation in a Western effort to achieve Namibian independence through elections.

The State Department official said Saturday Botha expressed new concern about the use of a United Nations military force to police the transition to independence in Namibia. South Africa's concern was heightened recently when the U.N. Security Council refused to allow the Democratic Turnhalle Alliance, a Pretoria-backed group in Namibia, to take part in a debate on the independence issue, the official said.

Pretoria fears the presence of a U.N. force would provide a political boost during a Namibian election for the Southwest Africa People's Organization (SWAPO), a black group seeking control of the South African-ruled territory. The official said the administration considers the U.N. force to be a key element in a settlement plan proposed under a U.N. resolution.

The United States has suggested that the resolution be modified before elections are held, so as to provide some form of constitutional protection for the white minority in Namibia. A number of "front-line" African nations have opposed any change in the U.N. settlement solution.

Kenyan police hunt for killers of Asian couple

NAIROBI, May 17 (AFP) — Kenyan police are hunting for the killers of a prominent Asian couple and their house servant, whose bodies were found dumped in a sewage pit Saturday in the port city of Mombasa, it was reported here Sunday.

Businessman Husan Sharma and his wife, a social worker, were killed Friday night. They were apparently attacked as they returned home separately after their longtime servant had been slain in the servant's quarters, police sources in Mombasa told *The Sunday Nation* newspaper. The sources said the killers got away in Sharma's car.

Yeti called prehistoric man's cousin

MOSCOW, May 17 (AFP) — The abominable snowman, Yeti in the legends of the Himalayas, is a distant cousin of Neanderthal prehistoric man and roams the mountains of the Soviet Pamir region, not far from the borders of China and Tibet.

This is the conclusion of a team of Soviet scientists out to catch one of the mysterious hairy men. In a recent trip to Pamir, the team got two glimpses of their quarry, but he unfortunately appeared quite sure he had no desire whatever to meet them.

Villagers led the scientists to huge bare footmarks along a stream and one shepherd told of meeting a "huge hairy man" who dashed off "howling like a dog" on encountering his modern cousin. Interviewed Sunday in the Communist youth paper *Komsomolskaya Pravda*, a member of the expedition told of his glimpse of Yeti, "standing over two meters tall, with square, powerful shoulders and bright eye," lumbering along with his arms hanging by his hips.

The explorer was convinced that the mystery of Yeti, who has fascinated scientists for centuries, was about to be solved. He said that in a new expedition early next year the team hoped to be able to get close enough to one of the hairy men — or their mates, who are never mentioned in the legend — to catch one.

Human rights organizations might note that the scientist was quick to add that any study "would respect ethics and morals" as this shy mountain dweller was "after all relatively close to man".

But the Soviet scientists might find they have a tough time catching Yeti. All those, who have spotted one, have insisted that the huge creature runs at the sight of man and mountain shepherds and scientists agree that he is also amazingly lightfooted.

Chinese design on Laos alleged

BANGKOK, May 17 (AFP) — China was plotting to "press" Laos militarily to make it weak enough to annex, the Communist Party newspaper *Sieng Pasason* said in a commentary picked up by the state news agency KPL, monitored here. Earlier this week, the foreign ministry accused China of repeatedly shelling Laotian frontier villages and staging a brief cross-border thrust in the first week of May.

Laos, under Vietnamese domination since the 1975 Communist victories in Indochina, handed an aide-memoire detailing the charges to a Chinese diplomat in Vientiane Thursday. The newspaper commentary said the pressure on Laos was part of a wider drive to create tension in the region in league with "the imperialists," implying the United States, and "Thai reactionary rightists."

It coincided with Chinese strikes into Vietnam and the stepped-up supply of food and military hardware to anti-Vietnamese guerrillas in occupied Kampuchea, the commentary said.

China Sunday said 150 Vietnamese soldiers were killed during an incursion into Chinse territory Saturday.

Presidential poll on June 16

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By Joe Pavia
Arab News Correspondent

MANILA, May 17 — The Philippines presidential election on June 16 is turning out to be not a battle between President Ferdinand Marcos and his leading challengers but a struggle between boycott and non-boycott of the balloting, the first since Marcos won an unprecedented second term in 1969.

The ruling party Kilusang Bagong Lipunan (KBL) or New Society Movement has accepted the challenge of the boycott proponents spearheaded by the United Democratic Opposition (Unido). The KBL has cranked up its nationwide machinery and is waging a "go-out-and-vote" drive at grassroots level even as Marcos partisans are ensuring that the Filipino electorate gives the president a fresh mandate as a rousing approval of his crisis government.

Appearing before the Commission on Elections (Comelec) Saturday, two Muslim leaders pledged to help fight the boycott movement by using their influence getting the Muslims to close ranks and participate in the election, the assurances came from former Senator Salipada Pendatun, president of the court of appeals Mama Busran, secretary general of the Islamic Directorate of the Philippines.

Muslims value the right to choose their leaders and thus have actively participated in political exercises, Pendatun said by way of assuring a big turnout of voters in the Muslim areas of Southern Philippines on June 16. He and Justice Busran were among the representatives of business, civic, religious and media groups invited by the Comelec to conference on the forthcoming polls.

In pursuing the call for a total boycott of the polls a month from Saturday, the People's Opposition to the Plebiscite and Election (POPELE) which is led mainly by Unido, the Pagkakaisa Ngmanggagawang Pilipino (Philippines Labor Front) and the Youth for Nationalism and Democracy, met last Sunday to give fresh impetus to the "stay-home, don't vote" campaign.

Meeting in the resort city of Baguio in the highlands of northern Luzon, POPELE announced that 45 opposition groups have joined forces to press the drive to boycott the election. "To participate is to play into the hands of the regime and its foreign supporters and to betray the interest of our people," according to a statement issued after the meeting.

To illustrate the keenness of the fight, assemblyman Salvador H. Laurel has come up with a new line to drive home the Unido's point. In addressing the Manila breakfast club Friday, Laurel called on the people to participate in the election and vote for his candidate "Boy Cott". In issuing the sham call and promoting his supposed candidate, Laurel said: "Boy Cott has not seen fit to indicate the Filipinos' nation against the excesses of the martial rule and its present attempt to railroad the 'election' of Mr. Marcos." "Boy Cott symbolizes the indignation of the Filipino nation against the excesses of the martial rule and its present attempt to railroad the 'election' of Mr. Marcos." "Boy Cott has not seen fit to have a certificate of

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Atlanta plans

ATLANTA, Georgia, May 17 (AP) — A vague restlessness, a sense of unease, hangs in the balmy spring air over this southern city, which has buried 27 young black murder victims in the past 22 months. Fear and suspicion — products of months of frustration over the killings — overshadow the normal lightheaded expectation of carefree summer days.

This summer will not be carefree. With 70,000 children, mostly black, ready to dash from public school buildings in Atlanta on June 5, city officials are deep into plans for a "safe summer" campaign to keep children off the streets — and, they hope, out of danger. City-run day camps will spring up in 47 recreation centers around Atlanta the Monday after school closes, operating from morning to night on weekdays until school starts again in September.

Each will be closely supervised with low ratios of counselors to campers, color-coded T-shirts for the children and roll call three times a day. "It won't be a prison," said Roma Harper, the city's deputy commissioner of parks and recreation, "but we are going to insulate the children so they can play without fear of strangers."

City officials estimate the day camps can accommodate 33,000 of the 56,000 children aged 6 to 15. They expect another 14,000 to attend supervised activities of non-profit agencies. The remaining 9,000 will be in summer school or on vacation, they believe.

Fears for the children, believed to be especially vulnerable while school is out, are not the only source of apprehension. City leaders say the potential exists that lingering frustration over the killings, high unemployment among blacks and the pinch of inflation could form an explosive mixture during hot summer days and nights.

"When you talk about a half million people and the temperature rising and the cost of living going up, and you talk about the great sense of assault many of our citizens feel by these killings, who can predict what response will come?" Asked Leon Hall, director of the mayor's office of community and consumer affairs.

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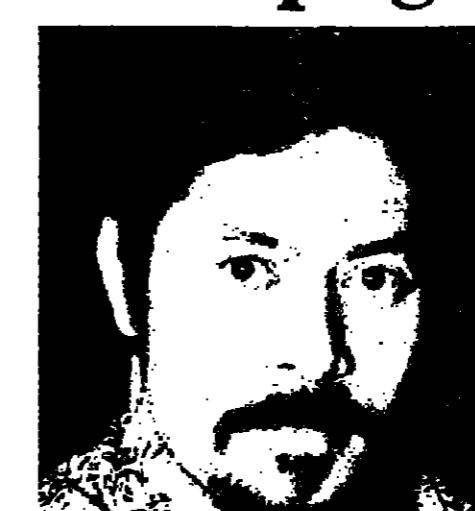
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MNLF leader Nur Misuari

through the poll boycott, their next move would be to stage a bloody revolution to force Marcos out.

Earlier in the week, President Marcos confirmed Aquino's presence in Jeddah during a breakfast conference with local and foreign newsmen at Malacanang Palace. He said Aquino had informed him he would be in the Fiddler East this week to meet with Visuari.

Belying Unido's claim that it was boycotting the election because President Marcos failed to meet the "minimum and reasonable requirements" to insure honest and orderly polls, the statement issued by the government said the administration had "complied with its party of the bargain."

The statement said Saturday by the government and the ruling KBL party said that of the candidates running against Marcos, former Defense Secretary Alejo Santos who is the standard bearer of the Nacionalista Party (Roy wing), has been most vocal against the boycott not only as a violation of the election law but also as a part of a plot leading to a "bloody revolution."

The 74-year-old Nacionalista Party (NP) under which Marcos twice captured the presidency, broke up last week into two — the Laurel wing of former speaker Jose B. Laurel Jr. and the Roy wing of former Senator Jose Roy. It was Roy's NP which won official accreditation from the Commission on Elections as one of only two official political parties entitled to representation in citizen election committees and poll inspectors throughout the archipelago. The first to earn such recognition is the ruling New Society Movement or KBL.

Referring to the boycott, the KBL statement quoted a portion of a speech by the NP presidential candidate, Santos, in suburban Quezon city Thursday: "Let us not kid ourselves. (For Senator Benigno Aquino did not go to Jeddah to play volleyball with (Nur) Misuari. Judging by their record and their tendency to play with fire, you can be sure that they talked about how to consolidate their forces and to coordinate their plans."

What Santos was stressing, the statement said, was that if the president's adversary and the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) leader could not oust Marcos from power

With fear of slayings

'safe summer' for children

staff for the day camps. The National Association of Business, headed by Wade Mitchell, a banker and former Atlanta city council member, hopes to provide at least 1,000 summer jobs for low-income black youths.

"A lot of questions have been asked; does the business community really give a damn? This is just one effort to say, 'yes, we're concerned,'" said Mitchell.

Councilman Arthur Langford, leader of another group which spearheads weekend searches for clues of the murders and assists in a police-sanctioned neighborhood watch program, said: "We plan to cover all areas where children are going to be assembling. We're going to work our best to make sure we're going to have all our children supervised."

Despite the intense national and international news coverage of the slayings, business leaders say they have detected no slackening of economic activity or convention business. Outwardly at least, the city's workday life goes on as normal.

"But if you were to go into the neighborhood where some of these things occurred, you would see less children out playing and you would see that the children would move away from strangers," said psychologist Henry Braddock of the Fulton county health department's mental health unit.

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Japan plans to provide Zimbabwe with \$23m

TOKYO, May 17 (AP) — Prime Minister Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe arrived Sunday for a four-day visit to Japan on the second leg of a four-nation Asian tour. Mugabe, who visited China before arriving here, is scheduled to meet with Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki, Foreign Minister Sunao Sonoda and other government officials as well as business leaders to discuss ways of strengthening economic relations between Japan and Zimbabwe, the former British breakaway colony of Rhodesia.

Newspapers said the Japanese government plans to provide Zimbabwe with credits totaling 5 billion yen (\$23 million) to help the African nation buy trucks and bulldozers. Mugabe is to visit India and Pakistan before returning home.

In Peking, diplomatic sources said China promised a package of about \$1 billion in agricultural and other aid for the strategic African nation. The African diplomatic sources termed Mugabe's visit the most successful visit to China by an African or Third World head of state in a long time.

Mugabe told a press conference last Tuesday that earlier this year China had committed itself to about \$27 million in financial aid. He said China was preferred to give other kinds of assistance.

China is expected to give heavily in agricultural assistance and expertise. Sunday a Zimbabwe newspaper reported that Zimbabwe peasants will be sent to China to study China's commune system. Mugabe told Chinese leaders he is giving agriculture top priority and China agreed to give substantial aid to turn Zimbabwe farming into a show case of modern African agriculture, sources said.

UNESCO official defends image against criticism

TALLOIRES, France, May 17 (R) — UNESCO in no way favors government control of the press and will continue with controversial proposals on the media despite strong opposition from some news organizations, Director-General Amadou Mahatma Bow has said.

Speaking to a conference of top executives of news organizations from 18 nations in this eastern French town, M. Bow said the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and its proposals were being given a distorted image by some international news organizations.

M. Bow had several sharp exchanges Saturday over questions from some of the 75 news executives at the conference entitled "Voices of Freedom" and organized by the U.S.-based Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

"The intentions attributed to UNESCO simply don't exist," the Senegalese director-general said, adding that he was mandated to press ahead with the programs that had already been approved by UNESCO's more than 150 member governments.

These include plans to study ways of establishing a form of international protection for journalists, voluntary codes of ethics for journalists at regional and national level, and the impact of advertising and concentration of ownership on news content.

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Top Soviet official attacks U.S. policy

MOSCOW, May 17 (R) — A senior Communist Party official has made an outspoken attack on the Reagan administration accusing it of wanting to test the Soviet Union's strength in the same way as had Nazi Germany.

Leonid Zamyatin, head of the party's international information department, said Saturday in a televised address that he disagreed with the view that the Reagan administration still had to define its foreign policy.

Other Soviet policymakers have taken a more cautious line, suggesting that the United States will eventually be forced to turn to dialogue with the Soviet Union. Another adviser to the Kremlin, George Arbakov, wrote in the party daily *Pravda* on May 4 that it was not yet clear what line the new president will take toward the Soviet Union.

Zamyatin, by training a diplomat, has the reputation among Western diplomats in Moscow of being a hard-line. Arbakov, who writes frequently on Soviet-American relations, heads the Institute of the U.S. and Canada, a Kremlin think tank. Both men are members of the Communist Party central committee.

Zamyatin said that in his view the Reagan administration was already firmly committed to stepping up the arms race and seeking military superiority over the Soviet Union. He appeared to be arguing that the Soviet

Union should not waste time waiting for President Reagan to formulate his policies in detail, but start to draw appropriate conclusions. "Every action has an equal and opposite reaction," he said.

He referred to the 36th anniversary of the end of World War II, in which "imperialism" had tried and failed to test the Soviet Union's strength.

"It was a test of our military strategy, our policy, our economy, of the spirit of the Soviet people and of their patriotism," he said. He added there were now quite a few decision makers in the West who wanted to test the Soviet Union for strength and create a situation of confrontation in the world.

"In the first place, I mean the Reagan administration," Zamyatin said. He said the United States was discarding the policy of detente and intending to impose its policy on other parts of the world through a sharp build-up of its military power.

At times gesticulating vehemently with his fist, Zamyatin attacked what he called the United States' "maniacal striving toward the arms race." He quoted at length from speeches written by Reagan administration officials, such as National Security Adviser Richard Allen, to show that the United States was committed to seeking military superiority over the Soviet Union.

He made no mention of the possibility raised by President Leonid Brezhnev in February of a summit meeting with Reagan.

Strong American leadership will curb Moscow, Haig says

HILLSDALE, Michigan, May 17 (AP) — The United States must be strong enough to restrain the Soviet Union and restore American leadership to pressure peace, Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig has said.

"If we are seriously interested in a world where there can be peaceful change, where nations can settle disputes short of war, then we must act to restrain the Soviet Union and its surrogates," Haig said. "The improvement of our military capabilities despite the cost, underlines our resolve in dealing with the Soviet Union.

"Our allies — and above all, our adversaries — must know that the United States of America is reliable." He said. "We shall not be passive when our interests are threatened."

"A basic step is the restoration of a sense of confidence and trust in our leadership of the Western world," he said. "Friends exposed to dangers (must) believe once more that the United States will indeed help them."

Speaking to some 200 graduates of Hillsdale College in southern Michigan, Haig aid the Reagan administration foreign policy based on strength comes from an American consensus convinced of the worth of our society and the rightness of our cause.

"There should be no mystery about American purposes abroad," he said. "We want a world hospitable to our society and to our ideals."

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Signs saying "Death to Communism" and "ESA," letters of the right-wing secret anti-Communist army, were found Saturday near the bodies. Right-wing groups in recent years

have been active killing leftists, who have stepped up their killing here, long held by military governments.

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Japan's radioactive dumping poses peril

WASHINGTON, May 17 (AP) — Japan's proposal to dump radioactive wastes in the Pacific Ocean could pose "a substantial environmental and health hazard to both Japan and Micronesia," according to an analysis of the plan released on Capitol Hill.

The report Saturday also says a Japanese government study declaring the plan safe is based on faulty assumptions, inaccurate data, and omissions of critical data.

"These flaws have the collective effect of vastly underestimating the potential health hazard of the radioactive oceanic dumping program not only to the peoples of Micronesia, but also to Japanese fisheries and the Japanese people," the analysis says.

In addition, the report says, a hypothetical "worst case scenario" indicates the possibility of suspended radioactive particles being carried north and east by the current and

eventually contaminating sea life along the length of west coast of North America."

The report was released in Washington Saturday by Antonio B. Won Pat, Guam's delegate to Congress and chairman of the House Interior Subcommittee on Insular Affairs.

Won Pat issued a statement with the report calling on the United States and Japan to "live up to their obligation to protect the health and resources of the people of the Pacific basin by seeking other means to dispose of their nuclear wastes. He said the study will be presented to the Japanese parliament in Tokyo Monday by a delegation led by Gov. Carlos Camacho of the commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, along with delegations asking Japan to abandon the operation.

The report says that Japan currently plans to start dumping low-level radioactive wastes in September 1982 at a site 400 miles north of the territorial waters of the Northern Marianas and 680 miles from Guam.

The wastes — including cobalt-60, strontium-90, cesium-137 and small amounts of uranium and plutonium-239, 240 — would be mixed with concrete and packed in more than 5,000 55-gallon metal drums before dumping.

Japan's Nuclear Safety Bureau has declared the plan safe. But the analysis released Saturday says Japan's study contains several critical flaws.

According to the study, these include:

— The Japanese analysis assumes nuclear wastes would diffuse evenly through the ocean, while U.S. experiments have shown that wastes concentrate in "hot spots" on the ocean bottom that can contaminate sea life

for hundreds of years.

— The analysis understates the extent to which radiation accumulates in the vital organs of sea creatures.

— The analysis ignores recent research showing that deep ocean currents are much stronger than previously believed.

— The study does not include recent studies showing that deep ocean areas support extensive bottom life that migrates to and from shallower waters.

— The study is based on radiation dose rates far below those that actually will result from the amount of wastes being dumped.

In addition, the report argues, the Japanese dumping plan "appears to deviate significantly" from restrictions imposed by a 1972 international treaty on ocean dumping, which Japan has signed.

Salvador clash reported

SAN SALVADOR, May 17 (AFP) — Newspapers have reported heavy fighting in the Morazan area near the border with Honduras, 160 km northwest of here. Government troops were reported to have clashed anti-government forces at the town of Villa el Rosario, from which a great number of inhabitants have fled to San Simon, farther to the South.

Man coughs out bullet

BELGRADE, May 17 (AP) — A 20-year-old man in a village north of Belgrade coughed out a rifle bullet that was fired into him during World War I, the newspaper *Politika* has reported.

The report Saturday said the man, Blagoje Sesum, was wounded at the Italian-Austrian frontier in 1916. *Politika* said Sesum felt sick and started to cough Friday. After two hours of coughing, out came the bullet and Sesum is now feeling fine, the paper added.

Siamese twins denied food, remain healthy

CHICAGO, May 17 (AP) — Eleven-day-old Siamese twins who allegedly were denied food since birth at the request of their father were in fair condition and had gained weight since being taken into protective custody by the state, a top child welfare official said.

The male twins weighed less than 7 pounds (3.2 kgs) when they were taken into protective custody Wednesday, according to Gregory L. Coler, director of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

Coler said the twins, whom he described as "severely deformed," weighed almost 10 pounds (4.5 kgs) at birth. On Friday, Vermilion county took temporary custody of the twins.

Allegations that the twins were not properly cared for were contained in a petition filed Friday by the Vermilion county state's attorney's office. The petition said the twins were not given food, water, oxygen or necessary medical treatment after their birth May 5.

W. Europe adopts Third World kids

VAGENINGEN, The Netherlands, May 17 (AP) — About 10,000 children from the Third World are adopted in Western Europe every year, a conference on the subject was told here Sunday. Most of these children are from India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Korea and Columbia, and many of them arrive here illegally or in dubious circumstances, according to reports heard here.

The conference, first of its kind, grouped adoption organizations from nine Western European countries. It notably stressed the need for a stricter control by the authorities over adoption procedures and for a joint policy in the matter among European countries.

Madrid police thwart Soviet kidnap attempt

MADRID, May 17 (AP) — Police have thwarted an attempt by Soviet diplomats to kidnap a Soviet seaman who applied for political asylum in Spain, the news agency EFE said. The seaman, Vladimir Budkin, a 40-year-old naval mechanic, deserted a Soviet freighter in the Canary Islands a week ago and was flown to Madrid to await action on his request.

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London-Paris trip planned

SHAFTER, California, May 17 (AP) — A 30-year-old woman has piloted the world's only solar-powered aircraft to a record 11,500-foot (3,505 meters) altitude and is planning a London-to-Paris flight this summer.

"I tried to go 13,000 feet," (3,962 meters) said Janice Brown, an elementary school teacher who on Friday took the solar *Challenger* of a record 6 1/2-hour flight past its previous peak altitude of 3,500 feet (1,067 meters). "But the wind was about 48 kph and every time I took the nose up I was blown back."

At one point the winds blew the light plane 13 kms from the airport, located about 32 kms northwest of Bakersfield. It took Mrs. Brown about 30 minutes to get back.

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Outlook bleak

Oil income sustains war-hit Iran

TEHRAN, May 17 (AFP) — Iran's ailing, war-stricken economy continues to depend on oil which will account for 80 per cent of revenue in the year to March 1982.

To pay for arms to fight the war against Iraq, to buy consumer and capital goods and to balance the budget, Iran would have to sell 2.5 million barrels of oil a day, but it reduced exports to one million barrels a day before the war in order to conserve reserves.

Iran is capable of increasing exports though there is now glut of oil on world markets. Immediately after the revolution which deposed the Shah, the call was for oil-sufficiency, but this aim remains a

EEC to debate limiting Japan's car imports

BRUSSELS, May 17 (AFP) — Moves to encourage Japanese car sales in Europe are to be discussed by foreign ministers from the European Economic Community (EEC) — on Tuesday.

But following the breakdown of talks between community and Japanese auto makers on Saturday, officials here are scarcely optimistic about the chances of obtaining a voluntary restraint plan from Tokyo.

The ten community members are divided on what action to take, and in any case the Japanese have said that they will not necessarily give the same treatment to Canada and the community as they have to the United States where they will cut their sales by 7.7 per cent this year.

The two-day ministerial meeting beginning Monday is unlikely to agree any major decisions as France, which is about to change governments, will be represented by its ambassador to the community. Ministers will also discuss customs tariff related to the entry of Portugal into the community in 1982, particularly where cars and textiles are concerned.

They will discuss relations with the United States which had a \$28 billion trade surplus with the community last year. But community officials are not optimistic following the visit last week by U.S. Trade Secretary Malvina Baldrige.

She rejected community complaints over a 1 per cent fall in EEC steel exports to the United States in the first quarter of this year over the period of 1981. Baldrige also rejected tests over help given to the U.S. synthetic rubber industry. The community also made a impression with protests about high interest rates and about the accord with an limiting car sales, community officials are increasingly concerned about the low priority which Washington apparently gives community concerns.

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Carlos Reutemann triumphs at Zolder

ZOLDER, Belgium, May 17 (AP) — Argentina's Carlos Reutemann, driving a Saudia-Williams, won an incident-marred, rain-shortened Belgian Grand Prix, to open a 12-point lead in the Formula One World Championship here Sunday.

Jacques Lafitte of France was second in a Talbot-Ligier and a Nigel Mansell of England third in a Lotus. Gilles Villeneuve of Canada was fourth in a Ferrari. Elio de Angelis of Italy fifth in the other Lotus and John Watson of Britain, the last to score a point, in sixth place in the McLaren, while Eddie Cheever of the United States, who had been lined sixth in his Tyrrell, failed to complete with a tire problem.

Early leaders Nelson Piquet of Brazil in a Brabham and Alan Jones of Australia in a Saudia-Williams both crashed without injuries.

France's Didier Pironi in a Ferrari took an early lead. Piquet crashed out of second on lap 10, Pironi dropped out with mechanical problems two laps later, and it was the classic Williams one-two of World Champion Alan Jones and Reutemann.

But Jones crashed in turn on lap 20, giving Reutemann a lead of quickly re-took and was never in trouble until the race was suspended after 54 of 70 laps as rain started.

American Mario Andretti had an unhappy race, starting 18th in the uncompetitive



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Alfa-Romeo and finishing 10th as the other dropped out ahead.

Earlier, the race was thrown into confusion when a mechanic of the Arrows team was crushed by the car of his driver Siegfried Stohr at the start. The race went two laps before being stopped and a new start was ordered. The mechanic was rushed to hospital in an ambulance apparently seriously injured.

As doctors rushed to the injured mechanic and called up an ambulance, Brazilian Nelson Piquet, leading in his Brabham, sped past at full speed, followed by the other 21 cars only

inches from the accident scene. Spectators screamed for the race to be stopped, but it was only on the next lap that officials gave the red flag to halt the cars. On the preceding lap, officials waved only the warning yellow flags.

The drivers had staged a protest lasting several minutes when the cars were first on the grid. Then mechanics of most cars refused to help them into their cars as their protest against an accident in the pits in qualifying Friday, when an Italian mechanic, Giovanni Amadeo, suffered a double fractured skull when hit by Carlos Reutemann's Saudia-Williams in the crowded pit lane.

In the start line accident, Stohr, seeing the starting light turn green, drove straight into the back of the car of his teammate Riccardo Patrese, crushing the mechanic who was still trying to start Patrese's car.

Adding to the confusion, Piquet had done an extra warm up lap illegally by missing his start line position and going round again, leading to immediate protests to officials in pit lane.

The start was given when several cars were signalling their engines had not started and there were other mechanics, apart from the injured man, on the track.

Piquet seemed to take no notice of the waving yellow accident flags and came past the pits on his first lap, clear of the field and at

full speed. Reutemann, second, was noticeably slowing and Didier Pironi, in a Ferrari, third, weaved across the track to slow up the cars behind.

There was no immediate indication of the condition of the mechanic, who was identified as Dave Lockett, an Englishman, chief mechanic of the Arrows team.

Police officers came on to the track and started questioning race officials.

Results: 1-Carlos Reutemann (Argentina, Saudia-Williams) — 1 hour 16 mins 31.61; 2-Jacques Lafitte, (France, Talbot-Ligier) — 1:17.08.67; 3-Nigel Mansell (Britain, Lotus 81) 1:17.15.30; 4-Gilles Villeneuve (Canada, Ferrari); 5-Elio de Angelis (Italy, Lotus 81); 6-Eddie Cheever, (U.S., Tyrrell); 7-John Watson (Britain, McLaren); 8-Didier Pironi, (France, Ferrari); 9-Bruno Giai Omelli, (Italy, Alfa Romeo); 10-Mario Andretti (U.S., Alfa Romeo); 11-Marc Surer (Switzerland, Ensign); 12-Vicente Alboreto (Italy, Tyrrell); 13-Pier Carlo Ghinzani, (Italy, Osella).

WORLD STANDINGS: 1-Carlos Reutemann, Argentina, 34 points; 2-Nelson Piquet, Brazil, 22; 3-Alan Jones, Australia, 18; 4-Riccardo Patrese, Italy, 10; 5-Jacques Lafitte, France, 8; 6-Elio de Angelis, Italy, 5; 7-Nigel Mansell, Britain, 4; 8-Marc Surer, Switzerland, 3; 9-Mario Andretti, U.S., 3; Gilles Villeneuve, Canada, 3.



LINING UP: Australia's Greg Norman lining up a putt on the fourth green at Wentworth, Surrey during the third round of the Martini International Golf Tournament Saturday. (Winghate)

Ari Vatanen wins again

CARDIFF, Wales, May 17 (AP) — Finnish driver Ari Vatanen, the current British champion, made it a hat-trick of wins in the Welsh International Motor Rally here Saturday.

Vatanen, driving a Ford Escort RS1800 of team Rothman, was involved in a see-saw battle with Scotsman Jimmy McRae during the final stages, after almost seven hundred miles of competition.

Then McRae's Opel Ascona had a puncture and he foreclosed second place to England's Tony Pond, in a Vauxhall Chevette.

Other contenders to fall by the wayside through mechanical failure were British hope Russell Brooks, who led at the halfway point, and Swedish driver Per Eklund.

Another Finn, Pentti Arikkala, and Englishman Malcolm Wilson, in the other Rothman team's Escorts, finished fourth and fifth — their positions throughout most of the rally.

In Le Castellet, Marco Lucchinelli of Italy on a Suzuki won the French Motor Cycling Grand Prix 500 cc event counting for the World Championship here Sunday. He came in ahead of Randy Mamola of the United States and Graeme Crosby of New Zealand.

Anton Mang of West Germany on his Kawasaki won the 250 cc event ahead of Thierry Estic of France (Yamaha) and Carlos Lavado of Venezuela (Yamaha).

Wolfgang Schuetz of West Germany won the race counting for the Renault 5 Turbo European Championship held in Zolder as a curtain-raiser for the Formula One Belgian Grand Prix.

Balazs Taroczy gives Connors a big fright

HAMBURG, May 17 (AP) — Top seed Jimmy Connors of the United States grunted and sweated through more than five hours of testing tennis before finally defeating elegant Hungarian Balazs Taroczy in the semifinals of the West German Championships here Saturday.

Connors was taken the full five sets by the Hungarian No. 1 whom he also beat for the semifinals of the Monte Carlo clay-court tournament last month, before winning 4-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.

In contrast, Australia's top player, Peter McNamara was all sweetness and light as he easily beat Harold Solomon of the United States in straight sets 6-4, 6-4, 6-3.

In Florence, Italy, Argentina's Jose Luis Clerc defeated Mexican ace Raul Ramirez in straight sets to win the finals and a \$10,000 first prize of the Allitalia Tennis Tournament here Sunday. Clerc, 22, top-seeded in the \$50,000 competition, downed Ramirez 6-1, 6-2, playing consistent tennis from the baseline.

It was the second triumph of the Argentinian in the Florence tournament, he had already won in 1978. Ramirez, 27, played erratic tennis and committed several unforced mistakes.

Clerc, seeking top condition for the rich Italian Open Championship beginning in Rome Monday, played almost faultlessly and smashed successfully the few times he moved to the net. He broke the opponent's serve twice in each set, for an easy victory in 80

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In National League

Expos score fluent victory over Giants

NEW YORK, May 17 (AP) — Montreal's Charlie Lea, in his first start since pitching a no-hitter last Sunday against San Francisco, four-hit the Giants Saturday as the Expos snapped a four-game losing streak with a 5-0 victory.

Lea ran his string of hitless innings against the Giants to 11 before Mike Sadek led off the third with a single. The Giants' other hits were singles by Larry Herndon in the fifth inning, pinch-hitter Jim Wohlford in the eighth and Darrell Evans in the ninth. Lea struck out six batters, walked two and hit one. Montreal got four runs in the fifth inning, two scoring on an error by Herndon, left field.

Larry Parrish doubled off Tom Griffin with one out and Chris Speier walked. With two away, Tim Raines hit a two-run double. Raines went to third on Rodney Scott's bunt single and Scott stole second. Andre Dawson then hit a windblown fly to left that was misjudged and dropped by Herndon. Raines had an RBI single in the ninth.

In the only other National League day game, Mike LaCoss scattered five Pittsburgh singles as Cincinnati extended its winning streak to five games with a 4-0 victory over the Pirates.

At night in the NL, Craig Reynolds tied a Major League record with three triples and drove in four runs to make a winner of Nolan

Ryan as the Houston Astros downed the Chicago Cubs 6-1.

George Hendrick slammed a two-run home run and drove in another run with a single to power the St. Louis Cardinals and right-hander Silvio Martinez to a 6-2 victory over Atlanta.

Burt Hooton tossed a six-hitter, and Ron Cey and Dave Lopes each socked home runs as the Los Angeles Dodgers won their sixth in a row, a 9-0 shutout of the New York Mets.

Terry Kennedy blooped a two-out bases-loaded single to left field in the ninth inning to give the San Diego Padres a 2-1 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies.

In American League games under the lights, Reggie Jackson tripled in two runs in New York's four-run first inning, and the Yankees outslugged the Seattle Mariners 7-5 despite a pair of home runs by the Mariners' Gary Gray.

Harold Baines had four hits, scored three runs and drove in another to pace the Chicago White Sox to a 9-1 victory over the Texas Rangers.

Cecil Cooper drove in the tying run and pinch-runner Marshall Edwards scored the winning run in a two-run seventh inning that lifted the Milwaukee Brewers to a 6-5 victory over Oakland, which has lost three in a row.

In AL afternoon action, the Toronto Blue Jays, victimized by Len Barker's perfect pitching for Cleveland Friday night, rebounded by snapping their 32-inning scoreless streak and riding Jackson Todd's six-hitter to a 4-1 victory over the Indians.

Toronto go two runs off Wayne Garland in the third inning on Buck Martinez's sacrifice fly and Lloyd Moseby's double and two more in the fourth on Martinez's bases-loaded single.

In Minnesota, Dave Ford buried seven innings of shutout relief after Steve Stone complained of a tender elbow and Rick Dempsey hit a home run and two doubles as Baltimore beat the Twins 7-0.

Kansas City's Willie Aikens and Hal McRae triggered a six-run fourth inning with consecutive homers and the Royals held on for a 7-6 victory over the Red Sox.

Lou Whitaker's three-run homer highlighted a four-run second inning and John Wockenfuss added a solo shot in the fifth as Detroit withstood three California Homers and beat the Angels 7-5.

Parsons slugs to softball crown

JEDDAH, May 17 — Four homerun blasts powered Parsons Daniel to the Saudi Arabian National Championship last weekend, as the keen, well-disciplined Jeddah team whipped a Saudi Vets squad in the midst of a determined comeback.

The Friday afternoon final, played under the broiling sun at Rayville's field, saw Parsons third baseman John Leviner wallop two round-trippers, one a towering shot to right with a man on, and the second, a smash dead center. Second baseman Roger Stallings also belted a homer with a man on.

But it was pitcher Mike Padgett, voted "Most Valuable Player" of the three-day, eight-team tourney, that stole the show. With the Vets sneaking back to make the count 5-4 in the top of the sixth inning, Padgett strode to the plate in the bottom of that stanza with Bill Vena on base. Padgett smacked a drive over the right-field wall and suddenly, the score was 7-4, the ballgame secured again for Parsons.

The final was typical of the weekend play, with the tight contests featuring sharp fielding and steady hitting. "Three games were decided in extra innings," said Jeddah Softball Commissioner Glenn Groom, "and there were only three real blowouts" in the 14 games.

Friday morning was a good example of just that. The Vets led Parsons in their first meeting, but a couple of key plays, and a couple of bad breaks for the Vets, reversed the course of the game and relegated the Vets to the losers' bracket.

"We met them in three championship situations in the last month," said Vets coach Augie Alifante afterward, of the season-long battle in Jeddah. "We beat them 11-10 for the league title, then lost in the playoffs and then in the nationals. We lost to a great champion."

Alifante also credited his team for its gutsy play, having to come back late Friday morning against a surprising Jubail contingent — itself, a dogged competitor — and then again for the final.

"Without a doubt they came to play," said Groom of the Jubail team, which finally fell 16-3 to the Vets. Jubail took Parsons to extra innings Thursday evening before being turned back, and then overcame Yanbu Friday to advance to the Vets encounter. Jubail finished third, and Yanbu, fourth. Other finishers were: the Jeddah All-Stars, fifth; Barber Lines of Riyadh, sixth; the Corps of Engineers of Riyadh, seventh; and Raytheon of Jeddah, eighth.

Leviner started off scoring in the final with his homer in the bottom of the second. Stallings followed with a two-run shot in the bottom of the third. And the next inning, Leviner did it again, this time with a man on. It looked grim for the Vets.

But in the top of the fifth, with Marcel Gagne on base with a single, consecutive singles by Joe Marott, who drove in a run, Rich Max, and Alifante, who drove in two, changed the momentum of play. And in the top of the sixth, Jack Graham led off with a single for the Vets, followed by Pete Bauers with another single. Gagne then drove in another run for the Vets. A Parsons double play stopped that threat.

It was up to Padgett to stem the tide, and that he did — on the mound, and in the bottom of the sixth, at the plate with his two-run homer. The tourney went "remarkably well," according to Groom, Jeddah softball star for the past five years who's decided to move out of the commissioner's chair. He made a point of recognizing Corky Mueller of the Vets, who worked practically nonstop on the Rayville field to get it ready for the games.

Groom said next year's tourney might be in Yanbu. Though nothing official was decided, the teams could journey there in January or February "to beat the heat," the only troubling part of the Jeddah play.

Pleasant Colony wins Preakness Stakes too

BALTIMORE, Maryland, May 17 (R) — Charging down the stretch from far back, Pleasant Colony duplicated his Kentucky Derby win of two weeks ago when he captured the 106th running of the Preakness Stakes at Pimlico racetrack Saturday.

Second place went to Bold Ego, who led through most of the nine and a half furlong race and was passed only in the last few yards. Paristo, a 70-1 long shot, finished third.

Pleasant Colony's Preakness win was achieved in the same manner as his Derby victory. The win earned \$200,000 for his owners, the Buckland farm of Thomas M. Evans.



(Central Press Photo)
ONE-ARMED CRICKETER: Australian fast bowler Dennis Lillee takes time off to talk to Paul Crump, the one-armed cricketer who is now with the MCC, at Lord's recently.

Australians begin on dismal note

ARUNDEL, England, May 17 (AP) — Australian cricket captain Kim Hughes was dismissed first ball Saturday as Australia made a dismal start to its tour of England.

The tourists were dismissed for 106 in 43 overs in the one-day match against the Duchess of Norfolk's invitation team at Arundel Castle and went on to lose the match by three wickets.

The Australians were without fast bowler Dennis Lillee, who is confined to bed with bronchial congestion. Leicestershire's John Steele and Intikhab Alam of Surrey were the men who skittled out the tourists.

Steele took three wickets for 13 off nine overs while Intikhab finished with figures of two for 11. Allan Border was top-scorer with 27 as the young Aussie team showed its unfamiliarity with English cricketing conditions.

Paceman Rodney Hogg showed up well when the Duchess of Norfolk's team batted. He took three for 16, but Steele shone with the bat as well, top-scoring with 28, as the invitation team reached the target with three wickets to spare. Ray Bright took two for 24.

The Australians play their first three-day match against Hampshire at Southampton starting Tuesday.

Brief scores: Australians 106 in 43 overs (J. Steele 3 for 13). Duchess of Norfolk's 107 for 7 in 38.1 overs (R. Hogg three for 16).

Gooch slams splendid ton

LONDON, May 17 (R) — England opener Graham Gooch was in robust form in the Benson and Hedges cricket Cup Saturday, upstaging West Indian Viv Richards with a century as Essex beat Somerset by 38 runs.

Gooch, whose 138 was laced with 13 boundaries, was concerned in a third-wicket partnership of 158 in 29 overs with skipper Keith Fletcher. Essex reached 278 for five from their 55 overs and then dismissed Somerset for 240 with Stuart Turner taking four for 51, including Richards' wicket for 43.

In the only other match to beat the weather, Nottinghamshire disposed of visitors Worcestershire by six wickets. Worcestershire made 214 for eight and the home side swept to victory with 217 for four off 52.5.

The Benson and Hedges Cup is organized on a regional League basis until the quarter-final stage when the two top teams from each of the four groups go into a knock-out competition.

Summarised scores:

At Edgbaston: Derbyshire 23 for one after 11.1 overs versus Warwickshire, bad light stopped play.

At Chelmsford: Essex beat Somerset by 38 runs. Essex 278 for five innings closed (G. Gooch 138; K. Fletcher 62). Somerset 240 (D. Taylor 54 not out, B. Rose 49; V. Richards 43, S. Turner four for 51). Essex two points.

At Bournemouth: Hampshire 143 five after 49 overs (G. Greenidge 50) V. Surrey.

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Baltimore	18	11	.621	—	Philadelphia	20	.13	.601	1	—	—
New York	19	13	.594	1 1/2	Montreal	18	.14	.563	2 1/2	—	—
Boston	16	15	.516	3	Pittsburgh	12	.15	.444	6	—	—
Milwaukee	16	15	.510	3 1/2	New York	8	.21	.276	11	—	—
Detroit	16	16	.500	4 1/2	Chicago	5	.24	.172	14	—	—
Toronto	11	22	.333	—							
West	25	11	.694	—	Los Angeles	25	.9	.715	—	—	—
Texas	18	13	.581	4 1/2	Cincinnati	19	.14	.576	5 1/2	—	—
Chicago	16	14	.533	6	Atlanta	18	.15	.545	6 1/2	—	—
California	18	18	.500	7	San Francisco	18	.19	.486	8 1/2	—	—
Minnesota	17	21	.344	12	Houston	17	.18	.486	8 1/2	—	—
Seattle	10	22	.313	13	San Diego	14	.21	.400	11 1/2	—	—
Kansas City	8	18	.286	—							

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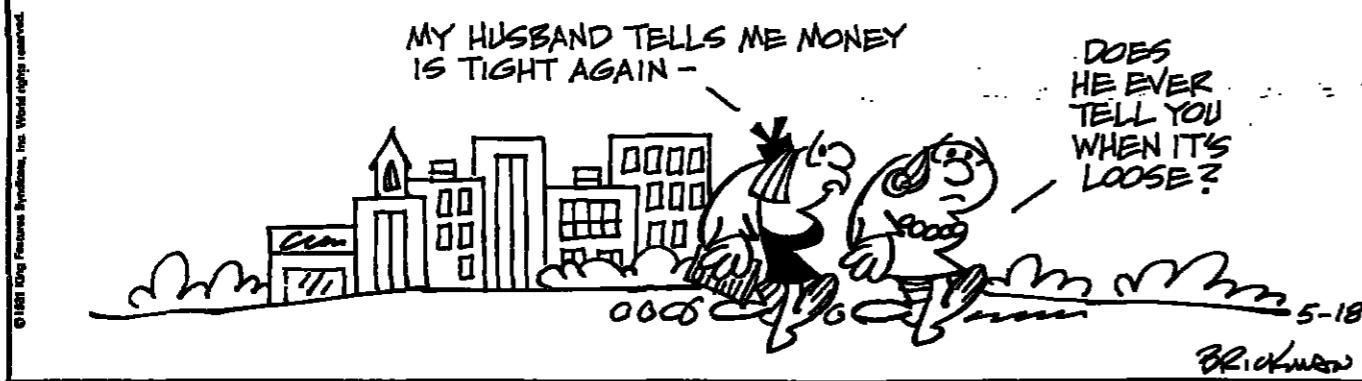
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Solidarity leader favors Warsaw seeking Japan aid

WARSAW, May 17 (AFP) — The independent union Solidarity will ask the government to seek cooperation with Japan in order to make Poland a "second Japan," labor leader Lech Walesa said Sunday on his return from Tokyo.

Walesa led Solidarity mission on a week's visit to Japan at the invitation of the Japanese trades union confederation Sohio. Speaking at the airport on his arrival via London, Walesa said that the trip had fulfilled all his expectations. "It is a country of great success,

and marvelously organized."

The union leaders said that he believed his hopes of making Poland a second Japan were feasible, and that Poland could avoid those mistakes that Japan had made.

He said that as it was not Solidarity's place to seek cooperation with Japan the union planned to ask the government to do so. Walesa described the Japanese as "extremely polite," quipping, "our necks still ache from bowing."

On a brief technical stopover in London, Walesa expressed concern at the failing health of Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński, the Catholic primate of Poland. While declining to comment on the political situation in Poland, Walesa described the cardinal as a "man of great influence."

Meanwhile, a senior Communist Party leader was quoted as saying Saturday that production and investment cuts could drop Poland's national income by an estimated 14 per cent by the end of the year.

Poliburo member Tadeusz Grabski told factory workers the government would be forced to cut the value of planned production in 1981 by 300 billion Zlotys (about \$10 billion) at the official rate and reduce investments by a further 50 billion Zlotys (about \$1.7 billion).

Poland faces rescheduling of its massive foreign debt estimated at about \$25 billion built up primarily during the years of the leadership of now discredited party leader Edward Gierek who was deposed in the wake of last summer's strikes.

Grabski also told the workers during a visit to their plant in preparation for the July party congress that his commission probing the accountability of former officials for the crisis "is about to have a talk with" Gierek.

POLISH GREETING: Solidarity leader Lech Walesa holds flowers up high in the air acknowledging the applause of a mass rally in Tokyo during his recent visit.

AP Wirephoto

PARIS talks open Wednesday to resolve Namibia freedom

PARIS, May 17 (AFP) — An international conference on sanctions against South Africa opens here Wednesday amid a new flurry of diplomatic activity aimed at finding a peaceful settlement of the Namibian issue. (Related story on page 8)

The one-week conference, to be held at UNESCO headquarters, has been arranged by the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and the United Nations. The conference coincides with new efforts by the Western industrial states, led by the United States, to resume the stalled negotiations with South Africa on ensuring freedom for Namibia.

It also comes as France's Western partners await the forming of a new French government by Socialist President François Mitterrand, who takes office Thursday. Whether Mitterrand would send representatives to the conference was not immediately known.

France, with the United States, Canada, West Germany and Britain, forms the contact group of states mandated by the United Nations to negotiate with South Africa over Namibia. In a letter before the second round

of the presidential election to the French anti-Apartheid movement, Mitterrand undertook to review French policy in southern Africa, and particularly French arms sales to South Africa. Officially these have been stopped but South Africa manufactures arms under French licence.

Representatives of the five contact group states are due to meet in Washington Thursday and Friday, but it was not known if France would be ready to participate. This meeting will be taking place in the light of South African Foreign Minister "Pik" Botha's visit to Washington last week during which he met President Ronald Reagan and Secretary of State Alexander Haig.

The invitation of Botha to Washington and its possible outcome have been greeted with anxiety and distrust in African political circles fearing American back tracking on the long-standing U.N. plan for a Namibian settlement.

That plan, based on U.N. Security Council resolution 435, calls for a ceasefire in the guerrilla war in the territory and the organization of pre-independence elections under international supervision.

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with the Radio that the United States must be blamed for any new explosion in the Middle East.

Meanwhile, Kuwait cautioned that the Middle East was passing through a critical phase, but discounted an outbreak of hostilities between Syria and Israel. Minister of State Abdul Aziz Hussein told reporters that while the dangers were developing, the chances of a Syria-Israel collision that could precipitate a Soviet-U.S. confrontation were remote.

"Nevertheless, all Arab countries should be prepared to face all eventualities in Lebanon," said Hussein after a cabinet meeting during which the Lebanese crisis was discussed.

"I do not think the situation will develop in a war in a real sense that could bring in the

Italians vote on referendums

ROME, May 17 (Agencies) — Voting began at an easy peace Sunday in Italy's five referendums, given added significance by the attack on Pope John Paul II. Two of the votes are on opposing proposals to tighten or scrap the country's abortion laws, while the others involve gun control, imprisonment and anti-terrorist measures.

The city center was deserted while roads to the sea and the nearby hills were crowded. Four hours after the polls opened, only 10.8 per cent of the 43 million people eligible had voted. Soldiers in battle dress stopped casually at polling stations with no sign of predicted illegal demonstrations. But millions of people were expected to vote later, after returning from their day out in the spring

sunshine.

Since 1946 Italians have used such ballots, which can amend existing laws but not create new ones, only three times.

Polling stations remain open until 10.30 p.m. Sunday and reopen Monday morning making any estimate of participation difficult. First results of the polls are not expected until late Monday at the earliest, and the votes of the two referendums on abortion are to be counted last.

Outside Rome polling stations the atmosphere was calm, after a lengthy political run-up pitting all non-denominational parties — which except for the Radicals want the abortion law to remain as it stands — against the Christian Democrats.

Regan

roleum and Mineral Resources Minister Zaki Yamani, and Planning Minister Hisham Nazer.

Sunday evening, Regan and Abu Al Khail signed an agreement for a new project, the 21st of the commission, calling for training of Saudi auditors in the Department of Zakat and Incomes Tax which will also receive two permanent U.S. advisors. The program will help the department use computers already installed, according to U.S. treasury sources, as well as improve auditing skills. Sheikh Abu Al Khail said the agreement did not imply new Saudi government taxation plans.

About 215 U.S. specialists are already engaged in the Kingdom on projects including customs advice, government statistics and financial information, manpower training and the recently completed Asia National Park, the Kingdom's first.

Regan denied, after brief consultations with Abu Al Khail, that either the question of the PLO participating in the IMF or the possibility of increased Saudi lending had been discussed even informally during the talks. But he said he was impressed with commission's activities and would advise U.S. President Reagan to step up the program if Saudi Arabia wanted it.

current Middle East developments, lead by the Lebanese crisis, and world issues of mutual concern.

The Saudi delegation included Crown Prince Fahd, Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, Prince Sultan, the minister of defense and civil aviation and Foreign Minister Prince Saud al Faisal.

In his 34-hour visit to Baghdad, the Jordanian king held talks with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. The Iraqi News Agency said that the Jordanian-Iraqi negotiations centered on "the latest developments in the Arab world," and on cooperation between the two countries.



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